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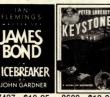
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- A Love in Forest Hills
- B Longitude of Greenwich, England

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- D Al Oliver's uniform number
- E This is doubled on some roulette wheels
- F Actor Josh's father
- G World War II Japanese plane
- H ___ in (focus)
- I Hour for attack

Laurel Gealt Philadelphia, PA

For the Birds

Which of the following are not real

- 1. Yellow-bellied sapsucker
- 2. Brown-headed cowbird
- 3. Ovenbird
- 4. Japanese knot
- 5. Bahama honeycreeper
- 6. Wilson's snipe
- 7. Marbled godwit
- 8. Lesser prairie chicken
- 9. Chuck Will's widow
- 10. Blue-faced booby

Jill Feldcamp Ft. Wayne, IN

Tick Tock

With so many digital clocks and watches everywhere, we wonder if people are still able to think about time in terms of the good old round clock face. Can you complete the following sequence of times? 2:00, 12:10, 4:15, 3:20, 6:30,

Gilman Alcock New Bern, NC

Twisted Proverbs

In your Proverb Analysis Test (March 1983), solvers had to identify proverbs from the initials of their important words. In this variant, each pair of proverbs has been mixed—that is, the first part of one has been combined with the second part of the other, and vice versa. Both newly created proverbs still make some sort of cockeyed sense. Finding the dividing point is part of the puzzle. The words THE, A, AN, IS, ARE, and all prepositions are always spelled out.

- 1. An A. a D. is W. a P. of C. An O. of P. K. the D. A.
- 2. S. and S. is the B. P.
- H. W. the R.
- 3. E. to B. and E. to R. M. J. a D. B. A. W. and N. P. M. a M. H., W.,
- 4. T. M. C. are B. than O. T. H. S. the B.
- 5. A P. S. is W. T. in the B. A B. in the H. is a P. E.

Alyce Robbins San Antonio, TX

Dear Johns

Sometimes it seems the world is going to the Johns, there are so many of them. Here's a list of seven famous Johns with their middle names (1-7), and another list of their scrambled last names (a-g). Can you match them up?

- 1. John Phillips a. NUQMRDAA
- 2. John Singer
- b. GTSNAER
- 3. John Ross

- c. NIEGW
- 4. John Philip
- d. UASSO
- 5. John Davison e. LEKORCFRELE

- 6. John Caldwell f. HNOALUC
- 7. John Foster
- g. LDSELU John P. Campbell, Jr.

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Old Smoky

A hobo who can't kick the smoking habit never buys cigarettes but spends every day collecting butts. Each evening he smokes them all, taking the tobacco from six butts to make one cigarette. If on a given evening he smokes seven cigarettes, how many butts must he have collected that day?

Edward Viens Joliet, II

Answer Drawer, page 68

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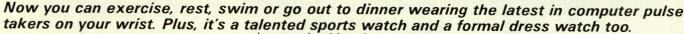


When you exercise, you should reach your heart's target zone. But, have I reached my exercise target zone, or just had too much coffee?



It's a high fashion dress watch and a sharp looking sports watch depending on which band you use. You get two luxurious bands with this watch.

Wrist EKG



By Drew Kaplan

It's a fact. You can tell a lot about yourself from your heart rate. You can evaluate the condition you are in, how much stress you are under, and how hard you should be exercising.

Think about it. How fast does your heart beat when you climb a flight of stairs? And how long does it take for your heart rate to return to normal?

Well, if you're at all like me, you may be a little out of shape. While I'm only 36, several friends my own age have recently had heart attacks. And frankly, I'm getting just a bit worried.

You see, I am getting past the point where I can simply say, "I'll get back into

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So, whether you're a long distance runner (this is the ultimate jogging companion), or just a few pounds overweight like I am, your heart rate will give you a definitive picture of your heart and body.

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LETTERS

Package of the Month



Nancy Miller Riverview, New Brunswick For the results of our Scavenger Hunt contest, see page 60.—Ed.

Body Parts

I enjoyed "Basic Anatomy" (Wild Cards, January, page 61), where we were asked to list 10 three-letter body parts. May I suggest the 11th—Fat.

Earl D. Elwonger Lincoln, NE

The Old Switcheroo

Your request for April Fools pranks has inspired me to try one on my dad. My idea is to tell him that your editor-in-chief has quit as of the March issue, and that GAMES will not be published anymore. On April Fools' day, I'll hand him the April issue, and he'll know it was just a gag.

Lindsay Thompson Toronto, Ontario

Ahem . . . as a matter of fact, if you compare the March and April mastheads, you just might notice a change. However, the new editor solemnly promises to keep on publishing.—Ed.

It's That Time Again

Yes, folks, it's April Fools, our annual chance to say "gotcha!"

Last December (page 4) we invited

readers to send us their favorite pranks for possible inclusion in this issue. And if you think we're tricky, you should see the zingers we've been getting in the mail. Several readers suggested that we announce a Hidden Contest but not include it in the issue; another suggested doing the Answer Drawer in cryptograms; still another proposed printing the magazine in a foreign language.

Most of the suggestions we wouldn't inflict on our worst enemy; a few others we're inflicting on you herewith, in Your Move (page 4), and elsewhere. Don't say we didn't warn you.—Ed.

Trumped-Up

Artist Joan Steiner's eyeball-bending miniature scene ("Trump's General Store," December, page 22) is a work of rare visual genius—outstanding fun!

Bill Trzeciak San Francisco, CA

Cover Story

Since the covers of your magazine are as interesting as the inside, could you use more care in attaching address stickers? Solving your puzzles is frustrating enough without trying to guess what's under the label—especially when it's the directions!

Jane Cribbs Brecksville, OH

We try to take this into account when designing our cover puzzles. Mailing labels are required by postal regulation to go in the lower left corner of the front cover. They are applied by machine at the rate of 8,000 an hour, and variations in placement are to be expected. We'll try harder.—Ed.

Hidden Treasures

Recently I bought some back issues of GAMES at a flea market. What could be more depressing than finding all the Hidden Contests five years too late?

Daniel Koster Whitehouse Station, NJ that all the answers

How about finding that all the answers have already been filled in? In the meantime, take heart: There's a Hidden Contest in this issue.—Ed.

LAUNDRY

If a reader finds a significant error of fact

game, and if we agree the slip needs to be

laundered, we'll print the first or best letter

or a mistake that affects the play of a

and send the writer a GAMES T-shirt.

Rhyme Scheme

Your article "For Better or Verse" (January, page 24) reminded me of this poetic puzzle. Figuring out the secret of its construction should be as easy as pi.

Now I, even I, would celebrate In rhymes unapt the great Immortal Syracusan, rivaled nevermore, Who in his wondrous lore Passed on before, Left men his guidance How to circles mensurate.

Shira Wohlberg Brookline, MA. Answer Drawer, page 68

Thumbs Down

There's a monkey wrench in your "Handiwork" puzzle (January, page 46), in which the challenge is to identify the activity each pair of hands is performing. Contrary to your introduction, man is *not* separated from the apes by an opposable thumb. Most primates have opposable thumbs.

Linda K. Frankel San Francisco, CA

There must be a Cheeta in our midst.—Ed.



All thumbs?

"The Theme from S.W.A.T." was a #1 song, but it spent 1 week, not 12, in that position. Gary J. Gambino Parma, OH

★ Hard Clue 51-Down of the Ornery Crossword (page 39) is "'I have learnt me ____': Romeo." While Romeo may have learnt plenty of other stuff, it was Juliet who learnt herself TO REPENT, your answer.

Doris E. Duffrin Rockville Centre, NY

Mistakes: February

★ How long would it take a video-game player to use up \$500, you ask in "Guess Again" (Letters, page 6). Your answer is HOURS, though your explanatory calculations show the correct answer—DAYS.

Marjorie Garrison Chicago, IL

★ Question 4 under the heading "The Neilsen Game," in the quiz "Station Breaks" (page 22), asks "What's the oldest show still in reruns?" You gave four choices, the last of which was *Mr. Ed*, which is not mentioned in the Answer Drawer. In any case, *I Love Lucy* is the correct answer to the question, as you stated.

Rene E. Girard Red Oak, TX

January

★ In the collage "The Ball Is in Our Court" (page 48), the reader is asked to identify the pictured "royalty." One of them is a 1950s TV character named Kathy, whose nickname you say is Princess. Kathy's was Kitten. Her sister Betty's nickname was Princess.

After all, Father Knows Best!
Rev. Joe Buzzerio
Stevens Tech Catholic Chaplain
Hoboken, NJ

The serpent you labeled a king cobra is an Indian cobra. The king cobra has no markings on its hood.

Richard Comisky Rosharon, TX

EVENTS

If you plan to attend any of these events. write or call to check entry fees, dates, sites, eligibility, etc. Include a stamped. self-addressed envelope with your request. If you know of other events suitable for this column, write to Events, c/o GAMES.

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Chess Students can compete in either of two team tournaments this month:

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 Players in the National Elementary School Championship, in Syracuse, New York, will team up against students from other schools in seven rounds, April 28-29. Fee is \$10 in advance, \$15 at site. Contact: U.S. Chess Federation, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12550.

Convention DENSA (as opposed to MENSA, a high-I.Q. society) will host the DENSA Society Convention and Parade, in Dallas, April 1. Activities include bobbing for apple cider, indoor kite-flying, and D.Q. (density quotient) testing. A parade with floats is scheduled to be rained on by the local fire department. Prizes are various DENSAWARDS: Contact: Stephen Price, Intl. DENSA Society, Box 214338, Dallas, TX 75221

Crosswords The U.S. Open Crossword Championship will be co-sponsored this year by GAMES and Merriam-Webster. The qualifying puzzle appeared in the March issue of GAMES, and the deadline for entering is April 20. The finals will take place August 18, in New York City, with the top 250 solvers from preliminary rounds competing for the championship pencil and \$3,250 in prize money

Juggling Some fun will be in the air beginning Friday the 13th at St. Fred's Juggling Festival in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The three-day tournament includes egg juggling, a five-ball juggle-off, and a onelegged juggle-off. Those who feel lucky may want to compete in The Challengescontestants toss torches, hatchets, and shotputs. Entry fee is \$6. Contact: Jugglers Anonymous Festival, 523 Standard Building, Ft. Wayne, IN 46802, or call (219)

Poker More than 1,000 players will battle at The World Series of Poker, April 23-May 17, at Binion's Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas, for better than \$2.5 million in prize money. Fees vary for the 14 tournaments. Contact: Terri Lorenzen, 128 Fremont, Las Vegas, NV 89101, or call (702) 382-1600

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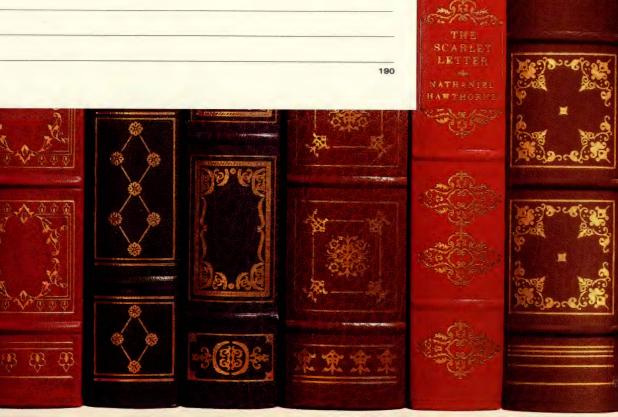
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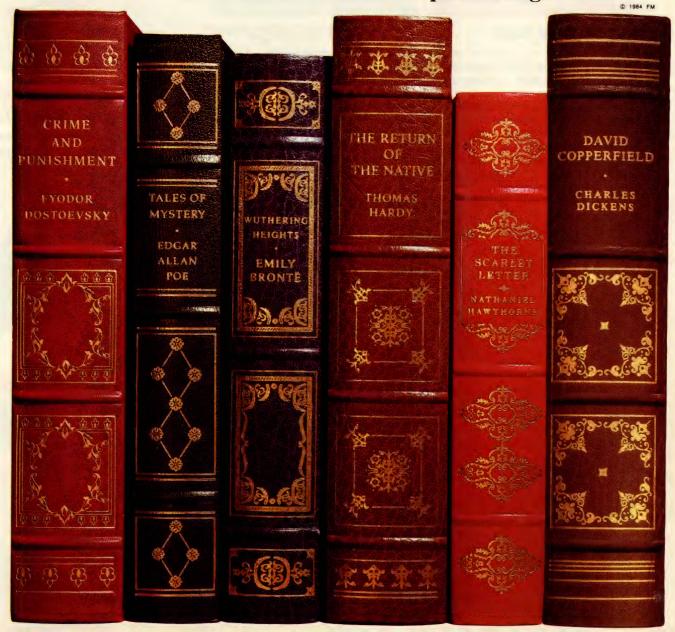
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Egg on Your Face

ILLUSTRATION BY FINN WINTERSON

Question: What do you get when you cross Rube Goldberg with the indomitable English? Answer: "The Great Egg Race."

For the past five years, blokes all over the U.K. have been tuning in to this BBC TV show to see how contestants will meet such challenges as operating a typewriter through the keyhole of a door 12 feet away from it. With TV cameras taping highlights, each three-person team has three and a half hours to finish the task, using the ordinary handyman's tools the show provides.

"The Great Egg Race" gets its name from a task often assigned engineering students—to transport raw eggs without breaking them. Originally, the show posed this problem again and again, but the idea soon grew stale, so new challenges were dreamed up—with ingenious results.

"I'm forever impressed by the creativity in invention," says producer Charles Huff. To build a keyless lock, for example, one team created an electrical model by using clothespins; to complete the circuit and open the lock meant knowing which pins had to stay closed and which had to open. Another solution required moving a rod through a maze cut into a metal pipe.

On another show, teams were asked to build a self-powered model submarine that had to travel the length of a nine-foot-long tank and dive under a floating island in the middle. Two teams succeeded by fitting fins to wooden cylinders: A rubber-band mo-

tor pushed the sub forward as water pressure against the fins pushed it down. When the rubber bands unwound, the sub floated up again.

This solution was a success, but sometimes the best plans go awry when they leave the drawing board. Contestants found this out when they tried to build a device with which to walk, biblical style, on water. Two teams tried variations of balloons fastened to shoes. In both cases, the walkers got very wet. The successful third team built a system of hinged flaps attached to floating skis.

The solutions are judged by a guest expert and by Dr. Henz Wolff, a bioengineer who acts as emcee. The prizes they award are modest: engraved egg cups and momentary national fame.

Each fall, likely tasks suggested by viewers and by Huff's staff are tested by former players. Contestants, who range from engineers to a nightclub bouncer, are also screened. Manual dexterity and lateral thinking are necessary talents, but so too are panache and a sense of humor. "After all," says Huff, "you might make a fool of yourself out there."

Surprisingly, scientists don't always make good contestants. "If you need a frictionless ball bearing," Huff says, "it would never occur to an engineer that a cocktail onion on a toothpick is the perfect solution."

Although the show has featured only Britons so far, Huff dreams of an international Egg Race in which teams from the U.K., the U.S., and a third country, perhaps Japan, would compete. "I'd like three very different ways of looking at a problem. It could be very interesting."

—Fran Severn

Not for Kids Only

If you think new toys are expensive, check the prices on some old ones at Bartholomew Fair, an elegant antiques store where \$10,000 will buy you a 19th-century wooden tricycle.

Bored with gin rummy? For a mere \$35 you can have a Victorian card game called Literary Salad: Players guess the names of authors by quotations from their works—just the kind of nonstop excitement Victorians are famous for.

Or how about a southern "Topsy Turvy" doll (below)? Hold the white mommy upside down and she becomes a black "mammy." This sells for \$750. So hold on to that Cabbage Patch doll.

For a free catalog, write to Bartholomew Fair, Ltd., 61 East 57th St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10022.—C. S.

Right and below, the mommy and the "mammy." Lower right, a 19th-century British-made Mr. Punch doll (\$1,500) holds a hand-painted rebus card, c. 1806. One of a set of 12 (\$600), it reads "A place famous for Gunpowder." Its solution? Your guess is as good as ours.





Here's a timely April Fools gift that runs longer than most pranks. As disconcerting as this backward-running watch looks, after wearing it awhile you'll have no trouble recognizing 20 minutes to 11. It's named "the alternative analogue timepiece," and was conceived and designed by an American expatriate artist who goes by the name Victor 1111 and lives on a barge in Amsterdam. The only conventional thing about the \$175 watch is its Swiss quartz movement. For more information, write to the O.K. Harris Gallery, 383 West Broadway, New York, NY 10012. -R. S.

Talking Sports

Given the demands of the media, athletes have to be as quick with a quip as they are with their hands or feet. Fortunately, many of the all-time best lines delivered by or about athletes have been gathered together by Bob Abel and Michael Valenti in Sports Quotes (Facts on File, \$8.95).

Fans will give a standing O to such big-league quotes as Eddie Arcaro's "It's a lot tougher to get up in the morning when you start wearing silk pajamas," and Joe Louis's immortal line about Billy Conn, "He can run but he can't hide.

But they may razz a section devoted to notorious clichés, including "This game is gonna be won in the trenches" and "The game's not over until. the last out."

Below are some Hall-of-Fame lines culled from the book. Match the sportsman to his quote. -C. S.

- 1. "Most people are dead at my age. You could look it up."
- 2. "Nobody roots for Goliath."
- 3. "A champion is one who gets up when he can't.'
- 4. "Around the world I'm better known than Joe Namath. But in the States I'm a nobody.'
- 5. "There has never been one like me before, and there will never

be one like me again."

6. "Many times at the beach a goodlooking lady will say to me, 'I want to touch you.' I always smile and say, 'I don't blame you.'

7. "If I come to New York, they'll probably name a candy bar after

- "Don't look back, somebody might be gaining on you."
- "I keep both eyes on my man. The basket hasn't moved on me
- yet."
 10."Dressing a pool player in a tuxedo is like putting whipped cream on a hot dog."
- a. Reggie Jackson f. Satchel Paige
- b. Arnold
- g. Bobby Fischer Schwarzenegger h. Minnesota Fats
- c. Julius Erving
- i. Jack Dempsey
- d. Casey Stengel
- j. Howard Cosell

e. Wilt Chamberlain

Answer Drawer, page 68

Funny Business

Comic strips have recently inspired several movies and musicals, but their success has been spotty: Popeye's producers couldn't turn screen spinach to lettuce, and Doonesbury did not get passing grades on Broadway.

Hence our surprise at reading, in the April 1 issue of Varieties, an article headlined "Strips Hip, Quips VIP." It reports that entertainment execs are

counting on comic relief on both stage and screen. To wit:

Early in 1985, look for the flick Private Beetle Bailey-Benjamin, a feminist war epic directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Goldie Hawn re-creates her role as Judy Benjamin, but the plot focuses on her new husband, Beetle (Marlon Brando), who is forced to confront his commanding wife's promotion to sergeant.

Broadway-bound are three musicals: Lucy, M.D., a Charlie Brown sequel, in which Chita Rivera plays a caustic psychiatrist who treats patients with blanket anxiety; Hello, Dondi!, a Sandy Duncan vehicle; and Cats ripoff Pets, about animalistic rivalries between fave feline Garfield and passé pooch Marmaduke.

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PSYCHIATRIC



We may not know much about art, but we know what we like. And we like the hammy take-off of Jan van Eyck's 15thcentury classic "Wedding Portrait." An exhibition of this and other muppetized art works from "Miss Piggy's Art Masterpieces: Treasures from the Kermitage" will soon tour the country. Thirteen of these gems are reproduced in Miss Piggy's 1984 Art Masterpiece Calendar (\$6.95, Knopf). Art loveurs will be eternally grateful to the porcine

patroness.

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CHOPLOGIC



emember all that stuff you learned in Logic 101? Well, we didn't either, so we dug out an old textbook and found the following Aristotelian syllogism. We understand it was one of Aristotle's favorites:

Drinking hemlock will make you get sick and die.

Socrates drank hemlock.

Therefore, Socrates got sick and died.

Then we happened upon a chapter entitled 'Choplogic: A Lesson in Nonductive Reasoning." Fascinated, we read the following:



WHY ELEPHANTS ARE WRINKLED

- Elephants live in Africa.
- In Africa there are many bodies of water.
- 3. One kind of body of water is a pool.
- 4. To play pool, you use a cue.
- 5. Cues are what actors need for their lines.
- 6. Lines are wrinkles.

THEREFORE, ELEPHANTS ARE WRINKLED.

The Choplogic method is a direct offshoot of the Aristotelian brand of deductive reasoning, in that the statements that make up each syllogism are true (or at least true enough for our purposes). Choplogic differs only in the occasional nonsensical leaps that one must make between statements. With this handy-dandy method, it's possible to prove virtually anything. Just watch the fancy bit of philosophizing that proves Sherlock Holmes was a detective.

PROOF THAT SHERLOCK HOLMES WAS A DETECTIVE

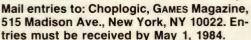
- Sherlock sounds like sheer lock.
- A sheer lock is an invisible hair.
- One invisible hare was named Harvey.
- 4. Harvey Kuenn manages the Milwaukee Brewers.
- The word Milwaukee contains only one I.
- An I by itself is a private I.
- A private I is a detective.

THEREFORE, SHERLOCK HOLMES WAS A DETECTIVE.



Are you up to the challenge? Just pick any premise and explain or prove it via choplogic, using between 4 and 13 statements. For inspiration, trace the logical threads in the three other sillygisms below. And for some visual exercise, can you deduce what's being proved by the four choplogic sequences that border the page? (The rows read left to right, the columns read top to bottom). Answer Drawer, page 68

How to Enter Send as many entries as you wish, but be sure that each entry is typed or neatly printed on a separate piece of paper, along with your name and address. Entries will be judged for cleverness, wit, and use of the choplogical method. As always, the judges' decision is final. -Louis Phillips



















1. The airplane was invented by the Wright Brothers.

- 2. Brothers are male offspring of the same parents.
- 3. Just off-spring is summer.
- 4. In summer there are lots and lots of flies.

THEREFORE, AN AIRPLANE FLIES.

PROOF THAT ROOSTERS CROW

- 1. The rooster has a comb on its head
- 2. A head consists of skull and 3. A hare is a rabbit. bones.
- 3. Skull and bones means 5. To fast is to go without pirates.
- 4. One pirate was Blackbeard. 5. Blackbeard sounds like black
- bird. 6. Some black birds are crows.
- THEREFORE, ROOSTERS CROW.

WHY CATS MEOW

- 1. A cat has whiskers.
- 2. Whiskers are hairs.
- 4. A rabbit runs fast.
- eating.
- 6. To go without eating is painful.
- 7. When I'm in pain, I say "Ow!" In other words, Me "Ow."

THAT'S WHY CATS MEOW.





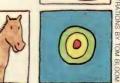












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BUT, THERE'S A PROBLEM

We thought we'd have enough speakers for the rest of the year, but we sold over 3300 in just our Spring Catalogs. So, we went back to BSR and tried to buy more of the speakers. But, they only sold us the first batch at a close-out price because they had put in the wrong tweeters and didn't know what to do with them.

BSR said that luckily they didn't make mistakes very often and the only other 'problem' they had was an inventory of 6000 too many super tweak 8" midrange drivers with an exotic polypropylene cone they used for an expensive BSR tower system.

LOOK NO FURTHER

Well, to make a long story short, we got BSR to replace the plain paper 5" midrange in the Thunder Lizard Mistake with the new exotic 8" polypropylene midrange driver. And, they put the correct tweeter in for us too.

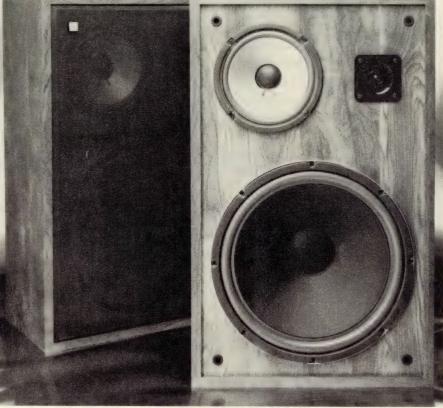
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Forked-Tongue Twisters

HIGH SPIES

by C. C. Morris

Given the fact that spies always tell the truth and counterspies always lie, can you solve the problem posed by the following story?

Around 1 A.M. on April 1, gunshots were heard in an office at the Centralized Investigation Association. When security guards ran to the scene, they found their chief, Reginald Ipswitch, in his office with a smoking pistol in his hand. The back door was open, and a window had been broken. Later that morning, Ipswitch submitted this report:

"Around 12:45 A.M., I went to my office and found two agents, Cyrus and Tyrus, engaged in a deadly struggle. Evidently one man had discovered the other burglarizing my top-secret files and had tried to stop him.

"It was all I could do to separate the struggling pair. When I did, they immediately began to accuse each other.

"'Cy is a spy!' cried Ty.

"'Ty is a counterspy,' sighed Cy.

"Then they both made a run for it, one heading for the door and the other for a window. Not knowing which one was a spy, I fired warning shots rather than take the chance of killing an innocent agent. Though both men and a few documents are now missing, we have put our best operatives on the case, and we hope to apprehend both Cyrus and Tyrus soon.'

From the details brought to light by Ipswitch's report, can you deduce who was the lying counterspy?

CANNIBAL QUANDARY

by Neil J. Rubenking

Let me tell you of my recent experiences on the famous Cannibal Island of Liars and Truthtellers. I visited there because I had heard of a third group of natives settling on the island not long ago. Vegetarians all, they leved to baffle visiting legicians by telling truth or falsehood at will. They were genially known as the Fakers.

As I walked up the jungle path, I noted that the celebrated fork in the path had been replaced by a crossroads, and three islanders one from each tribe-were easually leaning against palm trees nearby. They introduced themselves as Curly, Larry, and Mee. Realizing that two of the three would enjoy having me for dinner-literally-1 quickly asked the way to the village of the vegetarian Fakers. With a resounding "That way!" Curly pointed east, Larry pointed north, and Mee pointed west. I guess I should have known better. Trying a better tack, I asked. "Which of you is the Truthteller?"

Curly answered, "I am the Truthteller, Larry is the Faker, and Mee is the Liar.1 Larry said, "I am the Truthteller, Curly is the Liar, and Moe is the Faker.11

Moe replied, "I am the Truthteller, Larry is the Liar, and Curly is the Faker.'

What a fix! Exasperated, I shouted, "You can't all be telling the truth, can you?" Curly and Larry quickly said "No," while Moe said "Yes." Eurekal This gave me the key I needed, and I reasoned thus: The Liar had to answer yes; only Mee answered yes; so Mee was the Ligr. Curly had indeed said that Moe was the Liar, while Larry said Curly was the Liar; so Curly was the Truthteller. I headed east.

Five minutes later, I was running back, pursued by a bloodthirsty mob shouting, "You will not make a fine dinner," "Our barbeeue pit is not heating up right new," and, mest emineusly, 'You are escaping!" However, my daily jogging steed me in good stead, and I made it back to the ship. I didn't have a chance to ask Curly, Earry, and Moe where I had gone wrong. Can you figure it out?

GANG OF FOUR

by Gerald Standley

"Dear Chief," the note read: "Since we know that you know it was one or more of our gang that stole Lady Bigby's diamonds during her party last night, and since you know that we know you can never pin it on any of us, we have made these statements to help you in your investigation:

- 1. When Adams arrived, he did not shub Brown.
- 2. At least two innocent gang members left together.
- Dobbs was neither the first nor the last to leave:
- 4: There are at least as many of us involved in the crime as are innocent:
- 5. The first to leave carried the loot.
- Two of us shock hands with Dobbs when he left.
- 7: Chadwick left either before the lost went or when it went.
- 8. Adams neither came first nor left first.

"Have fun with your investigation, Chief.—Adams, Brewn, Chadwick, and Dobbs."

After mailing the note the four laughed heartily. "Even if the Chief is smart enough to figure out our statements," they told each other, "any accusation he makes will be wrong. And if he takes every statement to be false, he'll still make only wrong accusations!"

The Chief was pering over the statements when a stool pigeon reported these last remarks to him. The Chief then prepared a second list:

- 1. When Adams arrived, he snubbed Brown:
- 2. Each innecent person left by himself or else in the company of a thief.
- Debbs was either the first or the last to leave.
- 4. There are fewer involved in the grime than are innegent.
- 5. The first to leave did not earry the
- 6. It is false that two of us shook hands with Dobbs when he left.
- 7. Chadwick left after the lost went.
- 8. Adams was either the first to arrive or the first to leave.

The Chief found that each led him to a different logical accusation. But the stoolie had warned him that accusations derived from either list would be false. Was the Chief's position hopeless, or was there a correct accusation he could make after all?

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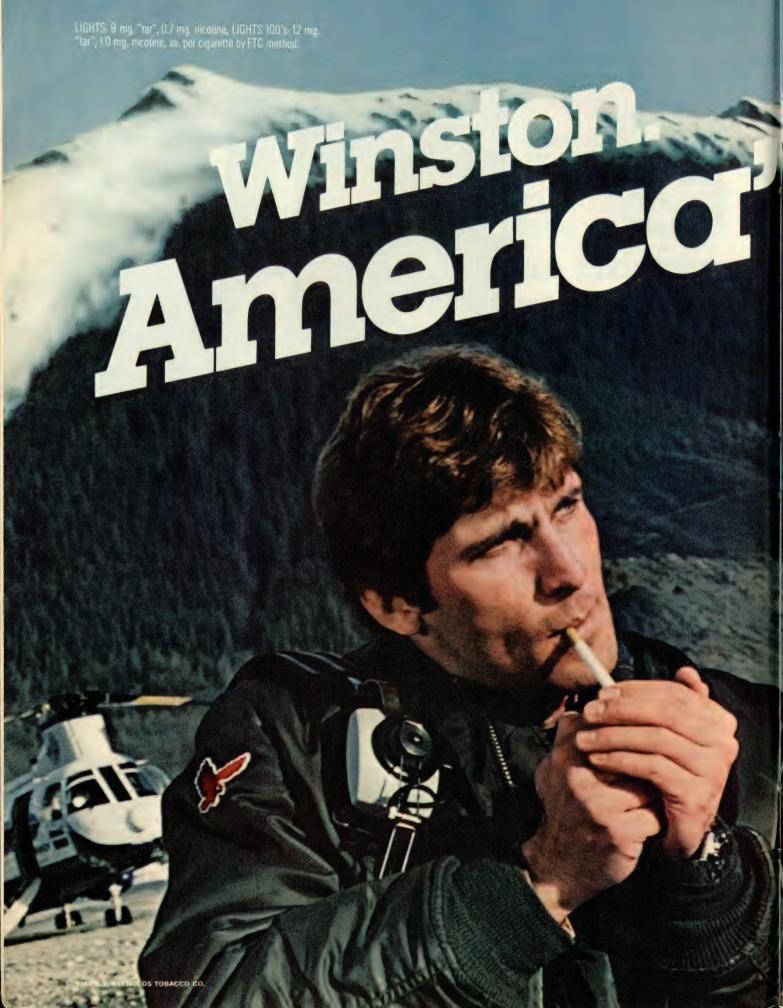
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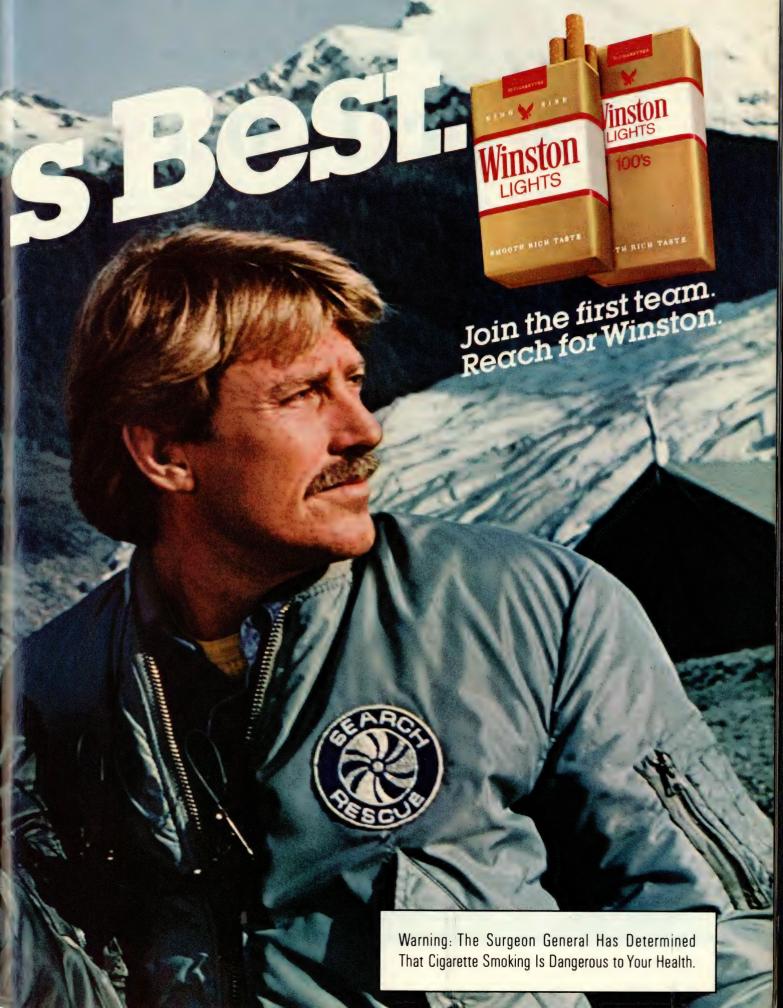


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Practical Jokes

Straddling the thin line between funny mean, the cause of untold silliness and occasional loss of dignity, is the often despised form of humor called the practical joke. This being the season of pranks, it seems appropriate to examine this phenomenon, though perhaps in a less weighty manner than that of a recent government report titled "Practical Jokes in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.: An Economic, Political, and Structural Analysis."

Some time ago, at my sister's wedding, my brother played a stunt which, while not the most sophisticated prank ever pulled, met all the criteria of a successful practical joke. Out of sight (but not earshot) of the wedding party and guests, he smashed a sack full of old broken glass and bottles against the floor, then watched with glee as everyone rushed into the room where the fragile and expensive wedding gifts had been placed, expecting the worst.

The prank was mean (it gave the wedding party a nasty fright), but not too mean (no one was hurt, and the gifts were intact). It made us all look foolish, stampeding as we did to the source of the noise-but not too foolish. The difficulty of achieving this subtle balance explains why most practical jokes are better in the telling than in the pulling.

As a tribute to April Fools Day, which this year—thanks to congressional action—has been shifted from April I to April 2 so that it won't fall on a

BY MARTIN GARDNER

"APRIL FOOL!" Tired of being made the butt of your colleagues practical jokes? Herewith some ways to get them before they get you.

Sunday, I have made a selection of the best practical jokes I can locate in my extensive files. Before describing some practical practical jokes, let me list what I think are the funniest impractical practical jokes—jokes too expensive or complex for anyone but Allen Funt.

1. Build an upside-down room in your house, with the furniture and rugs bolted to the overhead "floor." When a guest falls asleep intoxicated, let him wake up curled around the chandelier on the room's fake ceiling.

This is the classic example of a joke that reads well but in practice would

Working the old hay-rideis-fare-play routine

fall completely flat. Johnny Carson's dramatization of it last November on his TV special on practical jokes was embarrassingly unfunny. Though Carson said such a room was built in the house of a Hollywood director in the 1920s, there is no reliable evidence that anyone has ever built one (until, that is, the construction of the topsyturvy room for this issue's cover: see box, page 20). It is in the same class of apocrypha as the bathroom with collapsible walls, or the elevator bathroom that silently descends so that a guest emerging from the shower enters a living room full of guffawing people. Or the room with furniture and pictures attached to revolving walls to make a guest think he's awakened in a completely different bedroom.

2. Give out carefully selected theater tickets to bald men. Viewed from the balcony, their heads spell a shocking four-letter word.

3. Buy a park bench. Allow a policeman to arrest you and a friend as you carry it out of the park. Don't produce the bill of sale until you are in court.

4. Board a crowded bus with a bale of hay on your back. Elbow your way to the rear. When you get off, a friend picks you up and quickly drives you to a stop ahead where you get on the same bus with the same bale of hay.

5. Prepare a false arm and hand, gripping money for a toll bridge. Push it out the car window, and leave it with the flabbergasted toll taker.

6. Drive alongside a car that is waiting for the traffic light to change. A





friend in another car pulls up on the other side of the victim. Simultaneously, you both slowly back up. The poor chump slams harder on the brakes because he thinks he's rolling forward.

7. Arrange with members of a large symphony orchestra to stop playing suddenly in the middle of a crescendo. The conductor, arms waving, may fall off the podium.

8. Make a recording of a large tree being chopped down and crashing. At 4 A.M., play it through a loudspeaker set on the window-sill of your big-city apartment.

9. Attach a bent pin to a pill bottle so you can secretly hook the bottle to a victim's back. Inside the bottle is a small piece of burning rope. The victim goes around the house sniffing the air and trying to locate the fire. (This clever prank, by the way, was invented by none other than Calvin Coolidge, our 29th President, whose delight in subtle practical joking exceeded that of any other Chief Executive.)

10. Tell only one couple that you are giving a costume party and they should come dressed as their favorite animals. Ask all the other guests to come an hour earlier, dressed normally, so that when the victims arrive, looking like ostriches, the joke can be enjoyed by all.

bag and a note reading: "This is not a stick-up. I am unarmed. Don't cry out or push an alarm button. Just quietly cash this cashier's check by putting the bills in the bag, and you'll not be harmed."

12. Prepare a life-size photograph of yourself from head to toe, in full color but distorted so it's only six inches wide. Cut off the background to make the picture into an elongated paper doll, and attach a weight to the bottom. Carry it rolled in your pocket. When

About the Author

Perhaps the best overview of Martin Gardner's work appeared in the *New York Review of Books* (December 8, 1983). In reviewing Gardner's book *The Whys of a Philosophical Scrivener* (Morrow), writer George Groth examines the validity of Gardner's philosophical beliefs. In so doing, he demonstrates a skepticism Gardner himself would doubtless approve.

"This is one of the strangest books of philosophical game playing to come along in many a moon. The author seems well acquainted with modern philosophy... yet he defends a point of view so anachronistic... that his book could almost have been written at the time of Kant....

"To put it bluntly, Gardner is a simple-minded fideist. . . . It is impossible to imagine anyone reading his outrageous confessional (unless the reader is a clone of Gardner) who . . . will not be infuriated by his idiosyncrasies.

'How seriously should we take Gardner's fideism? He seems sincere, yet one wonders. After all, the man has a reputation as a hoaxer. His April 1975 column in Scientific American purported to disclose such dramatic breakthroughs as the discovery of a map that required five colors, a fatal flaw in relativity theory, an opening move in chess (pawn to queen's rook four) that is a certain win for white, and a lost parchment proving that Leonardo da Vinci invented the flush toilet. Thousands of readers wrote to tell Gardner where he went wrong, and one irate professor tried to have him expelled from the American Mathematical Society, Happily, the society made him an honorary life member. George Groth, by the way, is one of Gardner's pseudonyms.

And if you look through Gardner's accompanying article with a sharp eye, you'll find three more jokes he's perpetrated—on you.

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you find yourself near the mail chute on an upper floor of a hotel, tell your friends to watch the chute—you are going to walk up to the next floor and fall through it. Drop the paper cut-out into the slot, then run down the stairs to meet your astonished friends.

13. Have a mechanic install foot

Falling for the comeas-a-chicken joke controls in your car so you can steer with your feet, and arrange for the steering wheel to be detachable. When you are going full speed down the thruway, listening to the complaints of a back-seat driver, pretend to get furious. "OK, you take over!" you shout as you yank off the steering wheel.

14. Lots of impractical jokes involve glass eyes. One man is said to carry a supply of them that get progressively redder. He keeps substituting them at drinking parties, ending up with an eye that has the American flag on it, or one that says TILT.

So much for jokes you are not likely to try. Now for some practical practical jokes that won't harm or embarrass anybody except maybe you.

1. An office associate has a desk below a ceiling fan. Each morning, before he arrives, put a tiny screw or an oiled spring on his desk, just under the fan.

2. Each day, secretly saw an inch off the bottom of an elderly person's cane. This ploy has many variants, such as putting progressively larger goldfish in a bowl, then progressively smaller ones.

3. You and your collaborators keep calling a victim on the phone, asking "Is Elvira there?" Finally, a woman phones the victim and says, "This is Elvira. Any messages for me?"

4. Phone someone and ask if he or she has heard the latest gossip about a mutual friend. After a big build-up about how awful the details are, bang the phone to make it sound like the line went dead. Leave your phone off the hook for the rest of the day.

5. Tell a friend, "I can predict your future by the imprint of your teeth on a rolled-up napkin." Study the imprint



Practical Jokes

carefully, then say, "You sure bit on that one!"

- 6. Buy one of those joke water faucets with a suction cup. Attach it to the wall of an airplane, next to your seat, and ask the stewardess what it's there for. She'll probably seek the aid of someone else. While she's gone, remove the faucet. When she returns with another stewardess, or maybe a pilot, pretend you don't know what she's talking about. A magician friend, Jay Marshall, once pulled this off successfully on a flight from Chicago to New York. A week later he tried it again on the flight back. Unfortunately, he tried it on the same stewardess.
- **7.** Send a telegram that reads, IGNORE PREVIOUS WIRE.
- **8.** "Would you like your palm read?" When the victim says yes, smear the palm with red lipstick.
- 9. Cut all the blank checks out of your checkbook, leaving a small edge of paper beyond each perforation. With rubber-cement, glue \$20 bills in place of the checks. When you pay a cashier, tear off a bill and say nothing.
- **10.** When someone proudly shows you a picture of a child or grandchild, do the same by taking from your wallet a snapshot of a baboon.
- 11. Tell a newspaper vendor that the paper you are buying is for a friend who is blind in one eye. Tear the paper down the middle and hand back the left half. Come back later to ask if you can exchange halves. "I forgot," you explain, "that it's my friend's right eye that can't see."
- **12.** On a subway or bus, open up a newspaper and sit on it. At intervals, stand up, turn a page, sit down again.
- **13.** Put on a pair of dark glasses, hang an I AM BLIND sign around your neck, then take a front-row seat at a burlesque show. It breaks up the strippers.
- 14. Have small labels printed that say: "If this label has fallen off in tran-

Head Over Heels

hat's wrong with our cover picture? Everything. Or nothing. It all depends on how you look at it, as evidenced by the second view of the cover set (right): an upsidedown room seen right-side up (so to speak).

The set was engineered for the occasion by photographer Walter Wick, who can be seen peeking through the set's window at the long-suffering, gravity-defying model, Steve Beauchamp, and at GAMES's design director, Don Wright. Steve, suspended by inversion boots that were firmly anchored to the set's rigging, was aided by Tom De Carlo, shown here controlling the ropes that served as a backup safety precaution to the rigging.

You may have been tipped off to our having turned the tables by certain objects in the cover photo that seem to defy natural laws. There's something fishy going on in the aquarium, for instance (those fish aren't doing somersaults); another hint is the model's strangely tousled hair.

A number of other props are out of kilter, too: The chain lock on the door appears to be hanging up, as do the tennis sweatband looped around the door handle, the mobile, the wooden clown on the wall, and the acrobat toy on the bookcase. In addition, the Pachinko game's balls are all clustered at the "top," the paperweight shows snow falling upward, the shoelace on the sneaker is floating ceilingward, and the page in the open book is standing upright. (Appropriately, the book is open to an illustration of stalactites and stalagmites.)

Or maybe you noticed the valise handle stand-

ing up straight, the unnaturally upright palm fronds and filaments of the fiberoptic sculpture, the inverted "waves" on the wave machine, or the toy bat seemingly suspended in midair. Also, the jelly beans are clustered at the top of their jar, leaving an airspace at the bottom (the salt and pepper shakers and egg timer are similarly afflicted), the oil in the bottle of salad dressing has "risen" to the bottom, the center flap on the kite is hanging upward, as is the shade pull, and a number of pictures are stuck on the wall via thumbtacks at the bottom. Finally, the light streaming in the window seems to be emanating from a source below the horizon (as suggested by the shadows on the bookshelf wall).

Aside from the physical clues, every prop in the room relates to the themes of gravity (like the book in the foreground open to a picture of Isaac Newton); vertical symmetry (the Scrabble tiles that read the same upside-down as rightside up); or topsy-turvyness in general (the Flip Wilson album, the stunt biplane). And special homage is paid to three artists who, in very different ways, have treated these themes: M.C. Escher, whose print *Relativity* hangs on the wall; Scott Kim (the "Horizon" sign in the window is from his book *Inversions*); and Alfred Hitchcock (a playbill for *Vertigo* is seen on the desk).

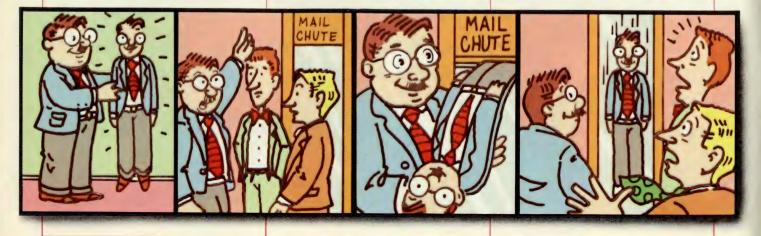
Oh yes. There's also the matter of the cake on the model's desk (no doubt sent to him by the girl he's flipped over). Turn the cover 180° and stare at it awhile—you'll see why this optical illusion can truly be called an upside-down cake.

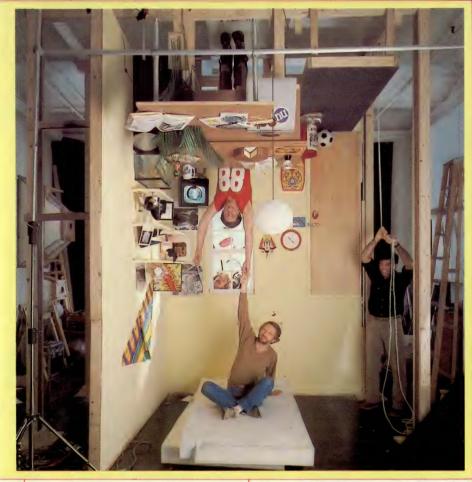
sit, notify the post office immediately."
Stick them on envelopes.

- 15. Obtain a 600-page technical book that has no index. Mail it to an appropriate professor with a note saying, "Thought you'd be interested in the reference to you in this work. I found it amusing, but some friends consider it libelous."
- **16.** Preserve a copy of the April 1 issue of your city's newspaper. On April 1 of the next year, substitute it for the paper delivered to a neighbor, or

The "Is-it-a-photo-or-a-mandown-the-chute?" prank for the paper on the table of your club. For more elaborate fun, put 20 copies of the year-old issue in one of those newspaper vending machines in front of a restaurant, then watch the customers read their papers over breakfast.

- **17.** On the wall of a public washroom, beside the hot-air machine for drying hands, put the sign: "Push button for a special message from our President."
- **18.** Obtain a supply of old false teeth from a dentist. Secretly drop one in a friend's pocket or slip one into a lady's purse. You can also slip one under papers on a desk or into a half-emp-





ty coffee cup when the victim is looking away. On a bus or subway, pretend to pull a tooth out of your mouth, toss it on the floor, then go back to your newspaper.

19. Sign bogus names on greeting cards, adding notes like "Cousin Jim has moved to Cleveland," or "The Smiths have named the baby after you," or "Please—don't phone again when my husband [or wife] is home."

20. On the official stationery of a big corporation, type a letter reading, "Thank you for your valuable suggestion. As a token of our appreciation, we are enclosing a check for \$1,000." Of

course no check goes with the letter. This has endless variants, such as sending a letter that purports to come from *Playboy* or *Playgirl*, expressing regret at not being able to use the submitted photograph as a centerfold.

21. Buy one of those devices that makes the lights of a room blink on and off, and install it in the fuse box. Pretend to your spouse that you don't notice anything wrong.

22. Dip your fingers in a glass of water, sneak up behind someone, and

Pulling the fake faucet trick at 16,000 feet

pretend to sneeze. At the same moment, flick drops of water on the back of the person's neck.

23. Tell each of two house guests that you have attached to the other's car one of those harmless joke bombs that will send smoke through the hood. Actually, you have done nothing to either car. The two guests hang around for hours, each waiting for the other to leave first.

24. At a social gathering, say to X, "Y is a marvelous person, but she has a curious monomania. She thinks she's a great opera singer and will someday become famous. Actually, she can't even sing on key. Do your best to keep the conversation away from opera." Tell Y: "X is a great opera buff, and loves to talk about it. If you can steer the conversation toward the opera, you'll find him fascinating." Introduce X to Y.

of course the best practical jokes are those that are thought up for special occasions and can happen only once in a lifetime. Here are two true stories from my collection:

A friend once entertained a lady visitor who accidently left in his apartment the right glove of a pair of white kid gloves. He spent the next day going to department stores until he found a pair of exact duplicates. Then he mailed her the *left* glove with a note saying he was returning the glove she had left behind.

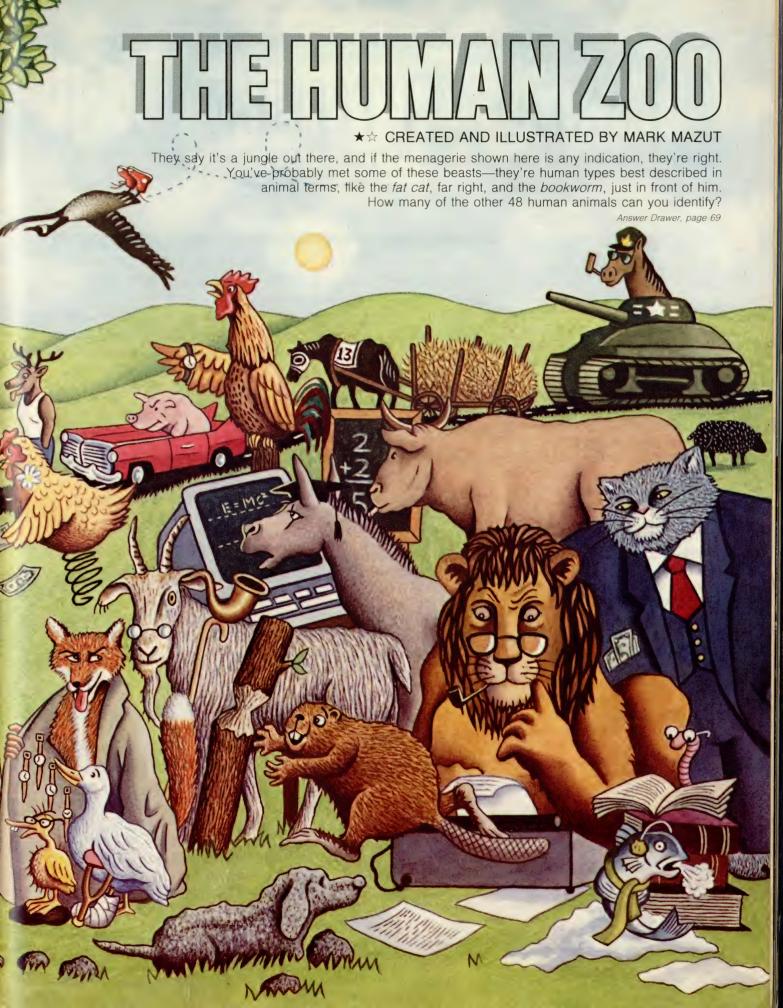
George Burns likes to recall the time Jack Benny had a hundred or so people over for a dinner party. The party was rather dull. "Would it liven things up," asked Benny, "if I go upstairs, take off my pants, and come down playing the violin?"

"Great idea," said Burns.

While Benny was upstairs, Burns told the guests: "Jack's going to come down the stairs not wearing any pants and playing the violin. Pay no attention to him."







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The revolutionary new Elastic Aptitude Test (EAT) has been psychometrically constructed by America's top educators, psychologists, and editors to measure the distance your imagination can stretch (a unit known as the Creative Arc of Kinetic Expansion, or CAKE). Consequently, the test, unlike the SAT, rewards Flexible, Agile Thinking (FAT) rather than a humdrum command of facts. The test is divided into different fields of knowledge. but it probably won't tell you whether you have genius potential in any of them. However, it just might tell you whether you have a knack for making imaginative mental leaps. Warning: Look both ways before jumping.

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BY DR. LOLA F. SPIRO

OLITICAL CIENCE

Answer these five questions correctly and you'll be accepted for admission to the Electoral College.

- Name the only President whose middle name is the same as the last name of another President.
- 2. Who was the oldest man ever to be elected President?
- 3. Which President was once
- called "the Errol Flynn of the B movies"?
- 4. Who is the only President whose wife has sat on Mr. T's lap?
- 5. Who won an Oscar for his role as a politician in *All the King's Men?*

ISTORY

The answers to these simple history questions should be at your fingertips.

- 1. In what year did Pierre Corneille's play La Mort de Pompée premiere at the Théâtre du Marais, Paris?
- 2. Who invented the printing process known as lithography?
- 3. The Elkins Act, passed in 1903, strength and what earlier act?
- 4. Name the year in which Aloys Senefelder invented lithography.
- 5. Who wrote La Mort de Pompée?
- 6. In what year was the Elkins Act passed?
- 7. In 1797, a Bavarian printer named Aloys Senefelder invented a printing technique. Name it.
- 8. What Pierre Corneille play premiered at the Théâtre du Marais, Paris, in 1643?
- 9. Name the 1903 act passed to strengthen the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887.

USIC

Give answers in full sentences to the following questions. Students who know their song lyrics should score high.

- 1. In what portion of the Iberian peninsula is the mean annual precipitation the greatest?
- 2. In the absence of suspended atmospheric particles, what are the limits of visibility?
- 3. What migration was undertaken by the grizzly, and why?
- 4. Did a Supreme Being create small, underripe fruit?
- 5. What shocking discovery has NASA been keeping from the public?
- 6. What sound is made by the ermine?
- 7. What prayer did the band-leader utter on July 4?
- 8. If the sun were to rise in the west and set in the east, what could fairly be said?
- 9. Why are the aphids so happy?
- 10. Why can't you answer this question?

EX DUCATION

Can you differentiate between men and women? Circle the names of the six famous females below.

Alice Cooper

Michael Learned

Carol Reed

George Eliot

Drew Barrymore

Gene Tierney

Morgan Fairchild

Fran Tarkenton

Glenn Close

Rosey Grier

Leslie Howard

Jamie Farr

ITERATURE

Even if your idea of a classic novel is *Princess Daisy*, you should be able to complete each quote by filling in the blank.

- 1. "The moon stands _____above." (A. E. Housman)
- 2. "Happy the people whose annals are _____ in history books." (Thomas Carlyle)
- 3. "This world's no blot for us, nor ____." (John Milton)
- 4. Duke: "And what's her history?" Viola: "A _____, my lord." (Shakespeare, Twelfth Night)
- 5. "He has written much _____ verse, and blanker prose." (Lord Byron)

ATH

Can you make these numbers add up to some sense? Calculators are permitted.

- 1. 3 is to 9 as 4 is to: a) 10 b) 12 c) 16
- 2. Two cards are drawn at random from a standard deck. What is the probability that they form a pair?
- 3.86 is to 98 as 73 is to ___
- 4. Which of the following numbers is divisible by 3?
 a) 34 b) 29 c) 55
 - d) 102 e) 7
- 5. What are the next three terms in the following series?
 1, 3, 5, 7, ___, ___

SCIENCE

In each group, choose the item that does not belong with the others. Be prepared to defend your choices.

- 1. a) celery b) pineapple c) strawberry d) persimmon e) currant
- 2. a) condor b) raven c) flamingo d) heron e) piranha
- 3. a) fir b) chrysanthemum c) cypress d) beech e) yew
- 4. a) deer b) dog c) flea d) wolf e) rat
- 5. a) sand b) rock c) Princess telephone d) water e) soil

LATIN

Though it's no longer a requirement in most schools, Latin is far from being a dead language. Match each Latin phrase at left with its English translation at right.

- 1. bona fide
- a) A good rental car is hard to find.
- 2. rara avis
- b) See the janitor.
- 3. sic transit
- c) Freudian self-actualization (see alter ego)
- 4. vice versa
- d) ambulance
- 5. id est
- e) change your psyche (see id est)
- 6. alter ego
- 7. vide supra
- f) good dog g) dirty poem

EOGRAPHY

You may have a good sense of direction, but do you know where the following facts are coming from? Your task here is to interpret each statement so that it becomes false.

- 1. Rome is the capital of Italy.
- 2. The Poles may be found in Warsaw.
- 3. The Nile is longer than the Danube.
- 4. The highest point in Asia is Mount Everest.
- Turkey's temperature never exceeds 100° Fahrenheit in November.
- 6. Oslo is *not* located in the middle of Czechoslovakia.
- 7. Man can be found on every continent.

NGLISH

Below, some words for the wise.

- 1. Underline the correct answers:
 - Before you take a written test, be sure (your, you're, you've) familiarized (yourself, yourselves) with the correct answers.
- 2. Punctuate this sentence:
 Is is is not and is not is is so
 is is not is and is not is not
 is not is it
- 3. Find the one mistake in this sentence:
 - Between you and me, that was he who was banging on the door, and he is much stronger than I.
- 4. Should the preposition AT, TO, OF, WITH, or THROUGH go in the blank in the following sentence? She walked silently out ____ the back door.

SSAY UESTION

Write your essay here. Be sure to maintain a concise style. Print legibly and remember that spelling counts: _____

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The Question Mark **

by J. Van Cleft Cooper



April is the month of crossword contesting* and tomfoolery. And that reminds us of this puzzle by J. Van Cleft Cooper, the champion at the 1928 New York Herald Tribune crossword tournament (shown accepting trophy at left in the photo) and a skillful constructor in his own right. We found this puzzle in a used copy of The Champion Cross Word Puzzle Book, Series Two (1936) by Cooper, and noted that it was one of the few puzzles that the book's previous owner had not filled in. Can you figure out why?

ACROSS

- 1 Near by
- 5 Grew brighter
- 10 Small bundle
- 14 Strong on one's legs
- 15 Inanimate
- 16 White
- 17 Relow
- 18 Sweet fruits
- 19 Borrow
- 20 Having a smooth
- 22 Has no bearing
- 24 Refrigerating chambers
- 26 Improve in quality

- 27 Full-grown man:
- 30 Illiterate
- 35 Wilder

- 42 Forswear 43 Sets type in
- order
- 48 Short wide
- 50 Pushed
- 54 Refuse

- SI.

- 36 Dissimilar
- 37 Fortunate
- 38 Increase
- 39 Freedom

- 45 Duffers 46 Write
- flag
- 51 Male sheep
- 52 Historians
- 58 Temporary

- - 65 True god

 - 67 Issue forth

 - 69 Removes
 - 70 Little boys

1 Word of

- 62 On land
- 63 Large drum
- 66 Was calm
- Puzzle answer
- the turf

- 3 God of hate 4 Commend

- gradually
- - citizen
- 71 Before: Scot.

- happiness
- Independence of will or action

- Hint, page 68
- 5 Proceed
- resolutely 6 Native-born
- 7 Bright
- 8 At no time
- 9 Loyal supporter
- 10 In good season 11 Discourage
- 12 Surrounded by many
- 13 Begins 21 Denies
- 23 Few
- Large pieces of wood

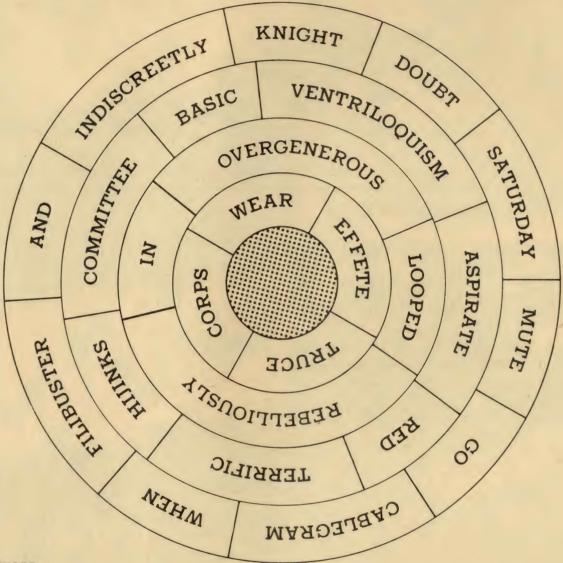
- 27 Great distances
- 28 Unsettled mode
- of action
- 29 Blue
- 31 Has plenty 32 Co-worker
- 33 Even
- 34 Dried
- 36 Coarse, thick, close-weave
- fabric 40 Rejoiced
- 41 Infinitesimal periods of time
- 44 Maintains an even course

- Answer Drawer, page 72
- 47 Inhabitants of a
- city
- 49 Irreverence
- 50 Outer portions 53 Arrive
- ceremoniously 54 Private vehicles
- 55 Small town in the Western
- hemisphere 56 Affluence
- 57 Irish valley
- 59 Diligently
- 60 Action word
- 61 Sadness
- 64 Cultured gent

Here's a test of your word "marksmanship." The answer to each of the 20 questions in the puzzle is one of the 25 words in the bull's-eye target. Each answer scores a "hit," which you may cross off in the target since no answer word is used

more than once. When all the clues have been answered, the five unused words can be rearranged to form a quotation by fashion designer Bill Blass.

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WHICH WORD ...

- 1. contains all the letters of the word BULL'S-EYE?
- 2. would become opposite in meaning if you changed the last three letters to BLE?
- 3. contains all the letters of the alphabet from L to V except one?
- 4. would have the same pattern as DOODAD in a cryptogram?
- 5. becomes a new word if you delete every A in it?
- contains a word meaning "border" inside another word meaning "burdensome"?
- 7. would sound like a medical facility if you pronounced the first two letters last?
- 8. would spell a new word no matter what other vowel you made its second letter?
- 9. is a verb that has no letters in common with its past tense form?
- 10. would have three dotted letters if written in script?

- 11. contains a word meaning "elegant detail" formed by every second letter?
- 12. would become a word meaning "deliberate" if you removed its fourth letter and read the rest backward?
- completes this pun: "During rush hour it's often necessary to ____ capacity."
- 14. can be broken into three common words of equal length?
- 15. is an anagram of a common breed of dog?
- 16. has three pairs of double letters?
- 17. ends in two silent letters?
- 18. would sound like a word meaning "gospel" if pronounced with a lisp?
- 19. would spell new words if you successively removed its first, first two, first three, first four, and first five letters?
- 20. has exactly one letter in common with each of the other five remaining words?

Fiddle-Faddle *

by S. E. Wilkinson

ACROSS

- 1 Worms to a fisherman
- 5 Chesapeake and others
- 9 Fairy tale meany
- 13 Arm bone
- 14 Actor Bridges
- 16 Prejudice
- 17 Nonsense
- 19 Death notice
- 20 Marsh
- 21 ___ Lisa
- 22 Human weakness 24 Former
- 26 Shut 27 "___ a long
- wav . . . '' 28 Nonsense
- 31 German artist Albrecht
- 34 Fired a gun
- 35 Round farm building
- 36 Prefix with cycle or corn
- 37 Select jurors
- 40 PQR followers 41 Move sideways
- 43 Top rating
- 44 Loathe
- 46 Nonsense
- 48 Pair

- **49** ____ Fools
- 50 Out of order
- 54 Strict correctness
- 56 Impostor
- 57 Youngster
- 58 ___ about (roughly): 2 wds.
- 59 Nonsense
- 62 Heap **63** "Doe, ____,
- 2 wds. 64 Singles champ Nastase
- 65 French summers
- 66 The m in "e = mc2"
- 67 Hair colorer

- 1 Comic opera clown
- 2 Zelig's Woody 3 Nonsensical
- 4 Eavesdrop.
- electronically 5 Opens, as a bud
- 6 By oneself
- 7 Return of the Jedi character
- 8 Word section:

- 9 Woodwind musicians
- 10 Nonsense
- 11 Banister
- 12 East: Sp.
- 15 Let the air out of
- 18 High Noon composer Tiomkin
- 23 Comics' "Alley
- 25 Father's Day gift
- 26 Genetic duplicate
- 28 Intone
- 29 Choir voice
- 30 Use a pitcher 31 Song for a couple
- 32 Open, as buttons
- 33 Nonsense
- 34 Thread holder 38 Xylophone's
- cousin 39 Attorney
- 42 Vast realms
- 45 Curtsy's counterpart
- 47 Twelvemonths: Abbr
- 48 Bet accepters
- 50 Satan's domain
- 51 Europe's "boot"

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____ the Riveter (WWII character)

53 Old anesthetic

- 54 Vatican VIP
- 55 Foot or yard, e.g.
- 56 Pooch pest
- 60 Naval officer: Ahhr
- 61 Performed

Cross Words *

You don't have to be a fan of crossword puzzles to try this cross word puzzle. The answer to each clue below is a word. or phrase containing the element cross. For example, the clue "Artist's shading style" would be answered CROSSHATCH, while "Working toward contrary goals" would be AT CROSS-PURPOSES. Now, cross your fingers and begin.

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- 1. What an X-shaped road sign means _____
- 2. Interrogate in court _____
- 3. Task akin to dotting one's i's _____ 4. International relief group _____
- 5. Dictionary "see also" lines _____
- 6. Make a promise, in a way _____
- 7. Needlework pattern _____
- 8. Pirate flag symbols ______ 9. With pupils pointed inward _____

- 10. Good Friday bread item _____
- 11. Pedestrian's path at an intersection _____
- 12. Long-distance running _____
- 13. Old archer's weapon _____
- 14. Side view showing constituent parts _____
- 15. Health insurance plan _____
- 16. Shooting from two sides _____
- 17. Be traitorous _____
- 18. Painting of a 1776 patriotic event _____

A Chinese Character Search

True, this word search is a little different, but you can hardly say it's out of character. Below are 18 Chinese proverbs, most of them by Confucius himself, that offer a sampling of Eastern philosophy. Translations are included for our few readers who were absent that day in fifth grade when the rest of the class learned all 50,000 written characters.

We haven't flipped, turned, or otherwise reoriented the characters in the grid (not even by occident!), so solving this involves no tricks; it demands only careful character study. Each proverb is hidden in the grid in regular word search fashion: vertically, horizontally, or diagonally, but always in a straight line.

Answer Drawer, page 69





能勝人之口不能服人之心

You can silence a man, but you cannot convince his heart.

吃得苦中苦方爲人上人

He who can swallow pain shall surpass others.

人無遠慮必有近憂

If a man takes no thought to what is distant, he will find sorrow near at hand.

路遙知馬力日久見人心

Distance tests a horse's strength; time reveals a man's character.

一言既出駟馬難追

Once you speak, not even four horses can overtake your words.

過猶不及

To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short.

爱人者人恆爱之

Those who love others are always loved in return.

一年之計在於春

The most productive time of year is the spring.

心有靈犀一點通

When the heart is sure, one try will succeed.

一日之計在於晨

The most productive time of day is the morning.

知難而退

When the matter is not right, let go.

其進鋭者其退速

He who advances too fast will fall back rapidly.

成人之美

A successful person should help others to realize their good ideas.

有志竟成

Success goes to the determined

少壯不努力老大徒悲傷

He who does not work hard in his youth will be sorry in his old age.

一失足成千古恨

A moment's mistake may become a thousand years of regret.

三緘其口

Seal your mouth three times before speaking.

覆水難收

It is difficult to gather up spilt water.



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Origamania ***

by Gary Disch

Origami is the ancient Japanese art of folding paper into flowers, birds, and other shapes. Some constructions demand a near-endless series of minute manipulations (and near-endless patience!), but the puzzle hère requires only a modicum of digital dexterity. Simply solve the crossword puzzle, then fold the page so that A meets B at the indicators. When you're done, the answer to the following riddle can be read-from top to bottom-in the five marked rows of the grid.

Why was the origamist feeling down in the dumps?

Answer Drawer, page 70

ACROSS

- 1 Call's partner
- 5 Sacred song
- 10 Contract section 16 Ayatollah's land
- 17 Ventricle toppers
- 18 Perm protector
- 19 Ignoble
- 20 Brownie's
- forerunner? 22 Neck feather
- 24 "The ____ yet to come'
- 25 Rather's
- employer 28 Programming prop
- 29 Sorority member
- 31 Nothing, south of the border
- 34 Beginning
- 36 Exchange gossip
- 37 Noted British bell
- 39 Made rustic rugs
- 41 Balderdash
- 42 Hamlet, to Gertrude
- 43 Young fellow
- 44 Philosopher Simone
- 45 John and Bo
- 47 Wobbly
- 49 Country singer Scruggs
- 50 "Yup" opposite
- 51 Free-for-all
- 52 Controversial
- school issue
- 55 Pilgrim's goal
- 57 Dillon's portrayer 61 Ghostly
- 63 Challenging
- 65 Problem for a plumber

- _ beans (Mexican dish)
- 69 Become theery
- 71 Sea eagle
- 72 Nabokov novel
- 73 Car in a Beach Boys song
- 74 Prospecting yield
- 75 Atrocity
- 77 Actress Mason
- 79 Ilk
- 80 "Keep me_
- 81 Word from the congregation
- 82 Spacious
- 83 Hubbub
- 85 Classifieds
- 86 Parade queen's duty
- 89 Part of Pisces or
- Libra? 91 St. Elsewhere
- setting 95 Sailing hazard
- 98 Francis and Dahl
- 99 Chicago airport
- 100 Typee sequel 101 File item
- 102 Heavily sedated, perhaps
- 103 Warble

DOWN

- 1 Lobster-eater's need
- 2 Segment of history
- 3 Bread or dough
- 4 Acted the masseur
- 5 Prepares for a trip
- 6 Celery unit

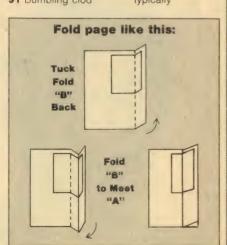
- 7 French weapon
- 8 Fabrication
- 9 Damage
- 10 "Fare trade" supporters
- Tilt, à la trawlers
- 12 Forming a curve
- 13 Worthless
- 14 Sun. lecture
- 15 Greek letter
- 18 Did garden work
- 21 Be an accessory
- 23 Called to court
- 25 Bit of horror
- movie decor
- The B in FBI
- 27 Parts of a flight 29 American fruit tree
- 30 Feedbag feed
- 32 Costly
- 33 TV commentator Rooney
- 35 More daft 36 Fancified
- flapiack 37 Part of a Yale fight song

- 38 Bury
- 40 Cub Scout unit
- 42 Sault ___ Marie 46 Vatican's vicinity
- 48 Proffers
- 51 German capital
- 53 Equine cry
- 54 Actress Garbo
- 56 Overturned V
- 58 Book boo-boos
- 59 Scorched 60 Exceeds 55
- 62 Nuptial words 64 Batman and
- Robin, e.g. 66 Hindu hero
- 67 Red-coated cheese
- 68 Adieu
- 69 In penury
- 70 Opening behind the lens
- 76 Matadors
- 78 Caught
- 79 Affix one's X to 82 Black cuckoos
- 83 Cross home plate

- 84 No longer feral
- 87 Wind indicator 88 Caesar's
- highway
- 89 Daytime show 90 Convov
- constituent 91 Bumbling clod
- 92 Expert

B

- 93 Jupiter or Neptune
- 94 Another Greek letter
- 96 Long, long time
- 97 London weather, typically



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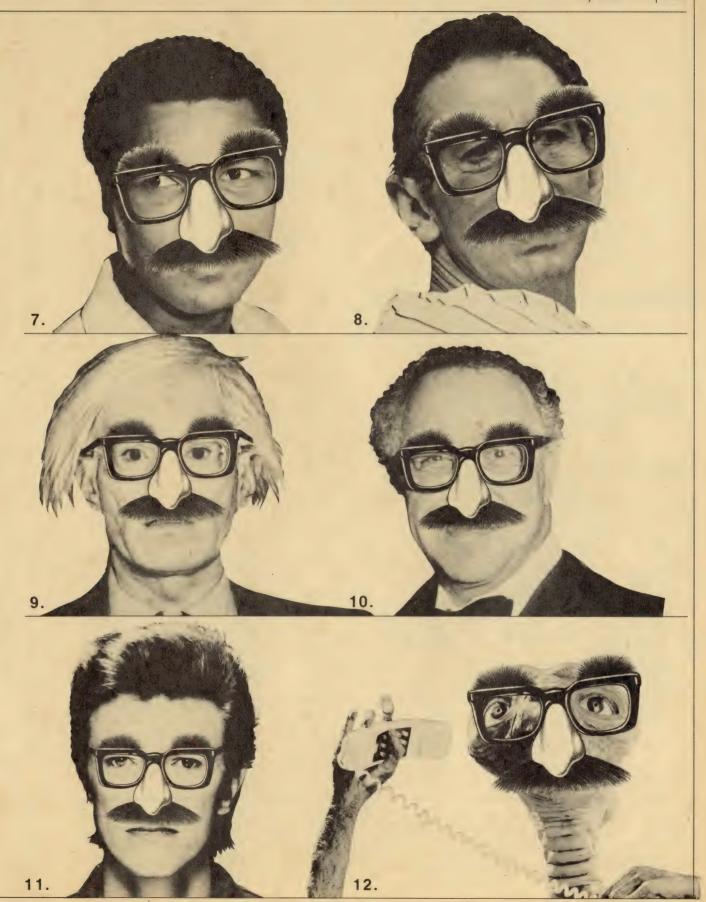
When these 12 celebs appeared at our offices looking for work, we offered them our form of seasonal employment—nose jobs. Who are these well-known April fools?

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Below are seven messages—consisting of pithy sayings, fascinating facts, and a cartoon gag—that have been translated into simple code alphabets. Letter substitutions remain constant throughout any one cipher, but change from one cipher

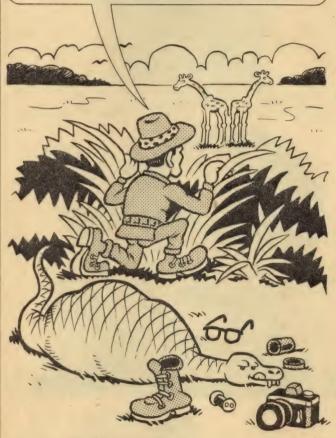
to the next, and the level of difficulty increases as you progress. An asterisk (*) indicates a proper noun.

Clues are given at the bottom of the page to provide assistance if you need it.

Answer Drawer, page 72

1. CRYPTOON

GDVG LVTPCVTVK WQ KPRPC VCHFKJ MDPK MP XWKJ QHTP CPVYYB PNLWGWKZ MWYJYWXP



2. THE JOY OF DISCOVERY

WIT XBSM WIGBL WIVW FGLIW
JT PXCYT WIVB QGBZGBL V
QSM GB MXNC YXNK PXNSZ
JT BXW QGBZGBL GW.

3. GASTRONOMIC TOUR

PMJGCK HJF HCMPJVFKW QC QMYJXCFVFN...CLTCHVJKKW PMVTL PY QJRCMVCL, XCKVL, JFX TVBBJ TJMKYML.

4. SPENDING SPREE

RSTUVWSXY: ZT'A VBWCDSEFYT,
GWM DSRT NTGWXO GWMB
PTFXA, S'P PFQSXE USAT
SXRTAYPTXYA CWB PG CMYMBT.

5. GROOMING TIP

LUMPAPRIL BUSH OPEB
PHUZ AEUP APMINZH NPHUNI
ZEVTI BEPH TMKSZC NLUK EKH
LUDMKF ILUPJ KCZEK NRONI.

6. WATCH YOUR STEP

BRKRBGJCZWB FRMKVNDRHF
RBKWTP UMTXDBFX JRLPWPY
BVRCZC, XRMH BRPJTPC
KVMTDYVTDK TDM CTDKVLFCK
XFCFMK

7. HO-HUM

TURKEY BUFHRHIU VCNHEL
UTURKEY UTCRHUE HE ICBHRUF
TURKEYC LUR TCDBJMTTP STUV
JUTMY UEFUUNMT.

TIPS AND CLUES

Cipher 1: A four-letter word with the same first and last letter is usually THAT.

Cipher 2: See clue for cipher 1.

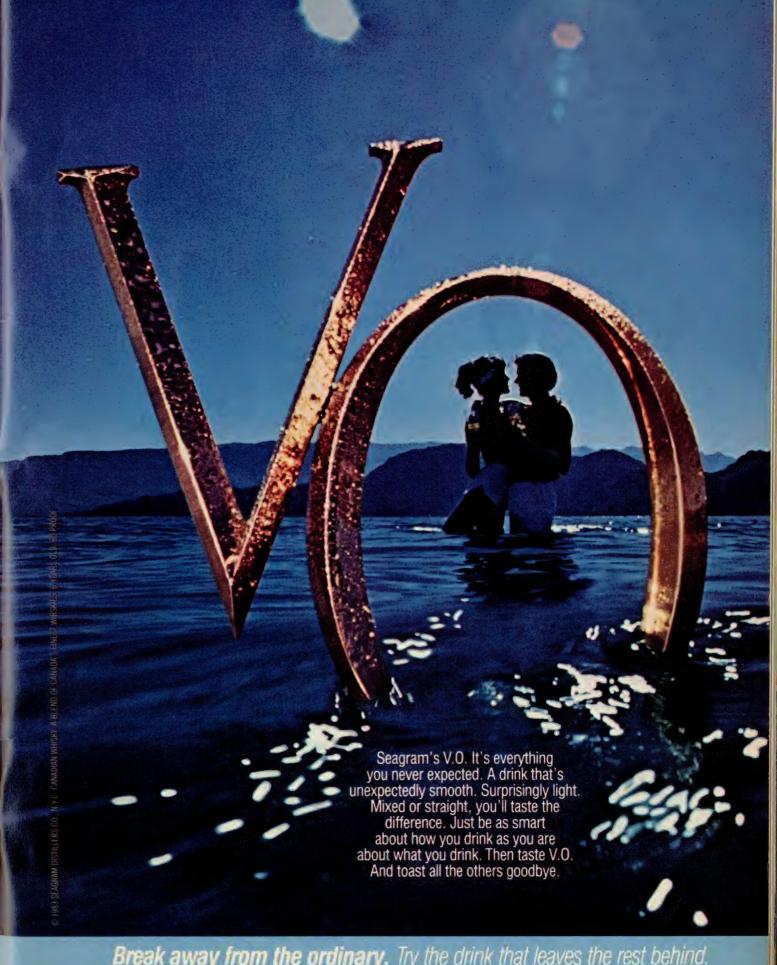
Cipher 3: A three-letter word after a series of commas is often AND.

Cipher 4: The two-letter word with the apostrophe is I'M.

Cipher 5: Ciphertext P appears frequently and in many positions, but most often as a second letter. It is likely to be an R.

Cipher 6: Only one common word has pattern KVMTDYVTDK. Hint: It starts with TH.

Cipher 7: Ciphertext U is an O.



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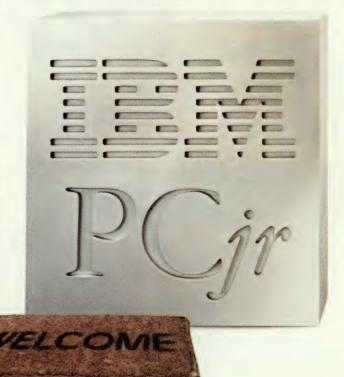
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Can You Remember Details? (Part 1) **

by Robert Leighton

A Surprising Test

You've just pulled this junk drawer out of your dad's 1948 Chippendale desk, and you've got to look through it quickly, before the lights go out. (Too bad you forgot to pay the power company \$138 for those two overdue bills!) Study the page

carefully for three minutes, then turn and answer the 10 questions on the next page. Once you turn, you'll be relying solely on your memory of what you have observed.

Answer Drawer, page 69





Can You Remember Details? (Part 2)

Don't Look Until You Read Page 39!

Now for the moment of truth. Did you memorize the name of vious fine points of the picture. Herewith, some questions to the suntan lotion, the title of the book, the number on the pen-see if you really have a memory for details. cil? Good, because we're not going to ask you about the ob-

What is the subtitle of the puzzle?	TO Allswei Diawei page Humbel.
2. Who is the puzzle's author?	
3. According to the directions, who owns the desk from which the junk drawer came?	?
4. What year was the desk made?	
5. What style is the desk?	
6. How many electric bills are overdue?	
7. How much money is owed?	
8. Who did the illustration for the puzzle?	
9. Where in the picture did the artist put his initials?	
10. Is this puzzle rated ★, ★★, or ★☆?	
11. What error is made in the directions?	
12. On what page is the Answer Drawer?	
Rope Trick **	by Alan Robbins
How many of the five loops below would form knots if you pulled the ends of the string?	Answer Drawer, page 72
	E O JUNES FORMAN

The Warm-Up Puzzle at right contains all the basic types of clues you're apt to encounter in a cryptic crossword. Like all cryptic clues, each contains two parts: a direct or indirect definition of the answer and a second description of the answer through wordplay. The first step in solving a cryptic clue, and a great part of the fun, is to determine the dividing point between the parts. Consider some sample clues:

"Re-created a *Get Smart* trick (9)." This is an example of an anagram clue. The answer, STRATAGEM (defined as "trick"), is a rearrangement of A GET SMART. The word "recreated" suggests the anagram of the adjacent letters. An anagram clue always contains a word or phrase (like "crazy," "reorganized," "in a heap," or sometimes just "perhaps") that suggests mixing or poor condition.

"Prisoner and mutt think alike (6)." Here you must join two short words to form the answer: CON ("prisoner") and CUR ("mutt"), yielding CONCUR ("think alike"). This is an example of a charade clue.

"Hypocrite seldom holds religious ceremonies (5)." The answer, RITES ("religious ceremonies") is literally held in the letters of "hypocrite seldom." This is an example of a hidden word.

"It's in the church tax (5)." This is an example of a container clue. The word $\[mathbb{T}\]$ is literally in THE to make the answer, TITHE ("church tax").

Other tricks of cryptic clue solving have been explained in previous issues. If you are new to cryptic crosswords, start with the Warm-Up Puzzle at right and refer to the Answer Drawer for explanations.

Warm-Up Puzzle for New Solvers *

With detailed explanations in Answer Drawer, page 72

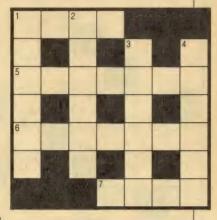
by Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon

ACROSS

- 1 Turning, catch sight of spinning toys (4) reversal
- 5 Herzog author's shouts (7) second definition
- 6 Give the right to let E.T. in, perhaps (7) anagram
- 7 Blueprint for aircraft unfinished (4) curtailment

DOWN

- 1 Writing paper found in suitable thickness (6) hidden word
- 2 Fliers I caught in schemes (6) container
- **3** Unfriendly-sounding place for travelers to stay (6) homophone
- 4 Like a seabird at the rear of the boat (6) charade

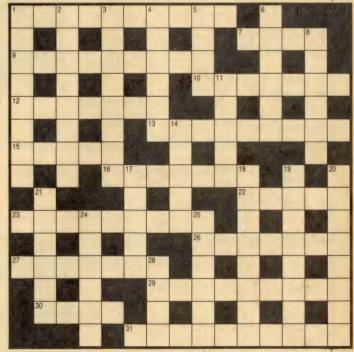


ACROSS

- 1 Tumbling . . . crashing . . . sign my cast (10)
- 7 Colonel retreats after start of battle with Alliance (4)
- **9** Become tense with inept thug wandering around (7,2)
- 10 Last virus afflicted half of vets (7)
- 12 Catlike Durocher baseball team? (7)
- 13 Keach, Carney, and Linkletter brought back lost animals (5,4)
- 15 Wild one is making a racket (5)
- 16 Delays amending lewd ads (7)
- 22 Chop oaks around a Japanese city (5)
- 23 Otherwise, you spend a thousand for a new identity (9)
- **26** *Time*, in review of special, was very enthusiastic (7)
- 27 Illinois city fashionable in the past (7)
- 29 The present consists of one cat and one canary's enclosure (6,3)
- 30 Sounds like a girl, unfortunately (4)
- 31 Red wines for small town boxers? (10)

DOWN

- 1 Egg cracks, allowing claw inside to move (3,5)
- 2 Mother tossed in a log from tree (8)
- 3 Got tea and it spilled (8)
- 4 Traces part of enchanting estate (6)
- **5** First members of chief of police's staff! (4)
- 6 Unreasonably cavils with East European (6)
- 8 Desires of company
- veterans (6) ·
 11 Practice makes us mature
- 14 Y.A. Tittle's upset at this time (5)
- 17 Mango is rotten throughout
- 18 Key made by Amalgamated UniTools (8)
- 19 Dad's store boosted one type of meat (8)
- 20 Difficulty getting harness around dog's head (8)
- 21 Ailment treated at M*A*S*H (6)
- 24 Dad goes topless after dad's brother goes bottomless naked, that is (6)
- 25 River ape's identification? (6)
- 28 In Ontario, a huge island (4)



Answer Drawer, page 70

This month's acrostic is a puzzle with a twist. First answer the clues as usual for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a riddle reading from left to right. Black squares separate

words in the riddle. Work back and forth between grid and word list to fill in all the letters. When you are done, one of the columns of letters in the word list (we won't say which one) will spell the riddle's answer. Try solving the riddle before checking the acrostic.

Answer Drawer, page 70

11	2K	3C	4G	5D	6J	7B	8T	An	9V	100	11F		12A	13D	14M	15C		16P	17Q	160
180	19V	20L		21W	22D	23B	24P	25R	26V		27F	280		29H		30D	31W	32M	33E	34F
35L	36C		37U	38A	39P	40V		41L	42H	43J	44E		45C	46M	47L	48D	49N	50B	51U	52W
	53L	54F	55J	56A	57N		58N	59M	60R	61P	62W	63Q	64F		65H	66K	67D		68W	69C
70J	71Q	72A	73N		74M	751	76H	77G	78A		79C	80K	81Q	82M	83E	840	85H		86A	87M
88U	89D	90K		911	92W	1 de la 1	93B	94W	95R	961	97T	98C		99L	100S	101V	102F		103A	104B
1051		106F	107E	108R	109C	110K		1110	112L	113E	114H		115L	116K	117V	1181		119N	120T	
121J	122M	1230	No.	124H	125D	126B	127V	128Q	129N	130M	131G		132J	133P	134V	135E	136N	137A		138K
1395		140B	141M	142J	143C	144K	145G		1460	147Q	148F		1491	150S	151W	152L		153T	154A	155D
156R		157U	158N	159S	160J	161L	162A	163S	164K	100 E	165V	166J	167N	168H	169A	1701	171C			

A.	Focus one's mental attention	12	38	56	72	78	86	103	137	154		L.	Friendliness, camaraderie	99	20	47	152	112	115	161	41	35	53
	011									162	169	М.	Below	59	14	82	141	32	46	130	87	74	122
В.	Soothsayer	126	93	23	140	104	7	50				N.	Maudlin emotion	49	57	58	73	119	167	136	158	129	
C.	Dostoevsky's Crime and	143	45	109	3	171	79	98	69	36	15	0.	In the middle of	111	10	18	146	123	84	28			
D.	Corporate officer	22	125	89	30	67	5	48	155	13		P.	Violinist's stroke (hyph.)	133	24	61	16	39					
E.	Pester, annoy	135	113	33	107	44	83					ĝ.	Language of Québec	17	63	71	81	128	147				
F.	Terse maxim	34	106	54	148	11	27	64	102			R.	Canteloupe or casaba	60	156	25	108	95					
G.	Movie critic Rex	4	77	145	131			-				S.	Aviator	139	159	150	163	100					
H.	Sunup	85	29	65	168	76	124	42	114			T.	Eat snack food	8	97	120	153						
1.	Successfully opposed	1	75	149	91	170	118	105	96			U.	Unspeaking	88	157	37	51						
J.	Darwin's theory	6	43	55	70	166	121	160	142	132		٧.	Natural occurrences	9	19	26	40	101	134	127	165	117	
K.	Those living under one roof		66	80	90	110	116	138	144	164		W.	Statue stand	21	31	52	62	68	92	94	151		



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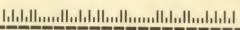
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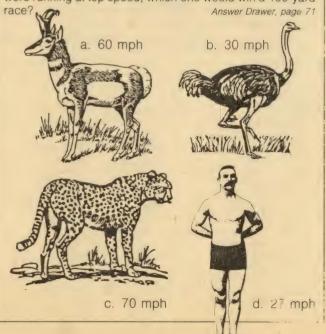
This honeycomb, when completed, will contain 14 words, one letter per space. All words will read from left to right, but half of them will go diagonally "uphill" and half diagonally "downhill." Clues to all but one of these words appear below, in no particular order. First solve as many clues as possible; then use logic and the crossing letters to complete the grid. In so doing, you'll reveal the final (appropriate) unclued word somewhere in the honeycomb.

Answer Drawer, page 68

- Beach
- Actor Welles
- Desire Under the __
- Visualized
- Bias based on gender
- Shop clamps
- · Read through
- · Cons' opposite
- Possess
- Jeopardy
- Cosmetic reddeners
- Gotten out of bed
- · Groups of words

Question of the Month**

Don't take this too seriously. But if all the pictured animals were running at top speed, which one would win a 100-yard



FOLD THIS PAGE

The World's **Most Ornery** Crossword

by Mike Shenk

Alphabet Soup

The crossword on this and the next two pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." First, fold this page back on the dashed line so the clues below face the solving grid on page 45. If you use only the Hard Clues (appearing below and continuing under the grid), you'll find the puzzle uncommonly challenging. If you need help, or prefer a less severe challenge, open to the Easy Clues (tucked in beneath your fold on page 44). Remember, to peek or not to peek is up to you.

H	ard Clue	25
	,	6
	ACROSS	6
1	THIS	6
ľ	HERE	6
	IRON	6
	SENT	6
11	Woody Allen	-
'	movie	7
B	Straw hat	7
	Annulled	•
25	Befitting the	7
	Queen	7
26	On the go	•
27	Job application	7
.,	info	•
28	Another Woody	8
	Allen movie	
9	Put on	8
	(make famous)	8
30		8
31	Upsets	_
33	Avengers	8
35	Great scale	
	topper	8
36	Mutual	8

Friend

avoided responsil 40 Stable di

37 Sneakily

41 Grade bo 42 It's at We Point, N. 44 Covered wagon tr perhaps 45 Sources extraordi 46 Bandoliei supplies 47 Circus

performe

perhaps 48 Tiger Beat

reader

49 Previously 50 Liberate

52 Adriatic port

54 Chiffoniers

57 Enterprise

58 Speedway areas

llen		6-Down
		Countrified
t en e	71	General's
		address?
he	74	Meaning
	76	It's almost
)		four in.
cation	78	World's highest
		lake
Noody	80	Divisions of
vie		l'Amérique
	81	Leeches, e.g.
mous)	83	Trouble
vn	85	Pay off an old
		score
	86	Monsieur Hulot'
ale		portrayer
	87	Extinguished
ual	89	
	91	Be fearful
	92	Adds to, as
		one's income
oility	94	Sawfish saw
et?	96	
oster	97	Olympian's goa
est	98	Lookouts
Y	100	Curling or
1.		hurling
ails,	102	
	104	
of vin	105	
naire	107	
	109	(
	446	undergarment)
	110	
rs,	440	bags
	112	Coke purchase

	60	Clears the board	127	Oui opposer
	61	Prompt person?	128	Upolu port
	62	XXX	130	Emulated Gyps
	64	Took after		Rose
	66	Codicil	131	Indy winner's
	68	Word after		200
		6-Down	133	Itch
		Countrified	134	Evictee of Quilp
	71	General's	135	" Fall in
		address?		Love"
		Meaning		(1933 song)
	76	It's almost	136	de la
		four in.		Société
n	78	World's highest		(Tahiti et al.)
		lake	137	Deputy
yt	80	Divisions of	138	Filibustered
		l'Amérique	141	Hospital
		Leeches, e.g.		scanner
s)		Trouble	142	King topper, in
	85	Pay off an old		pinochle
		score		Coin-op café
	86	Monsieur Hulot's	145	Leofric's wife
	-	portrayer	146	mess (find
		Extinguished		trouble)
		Dolt		Skirted
		Be fearful		Stutz classic
	92	Adds to, as		Walter Mitty, e.
		one's income		Hit the hay
		Sawfish saw		Between stops
		Catch flies, e.g.	156	Prospero's
r	97			concoction
	98		157	Apply hastily
	100	Curling or	158	Treeless plains
		hurling	159	Everyday smart
		Acts		
		Charge letters?		DOWN
7		Villa, Tivoli		14.1
		Increase in exten	1	Made worthless
	109			by excessive
		undergarment)		employment

Drops, as ballast

113 Theban deity 114 Declare

117 Mkt. voucher

119 AAA member

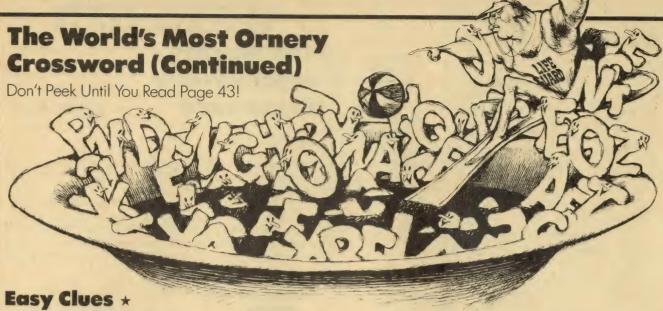
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123 Hoedown

et al.

118 Clamor

157	Apply hastily
158	Treeless plains
159	Everyday smarts
	- T
	DOWN
1	Made worthless
	by excessive
	employment
2	See 1-Down
	Martin Luther,
3	
` _	e.g.
4	Scott of 1857
	fame
5	Disseminate
6	Oscar-winning
	song of 1956
7	Samovar
	Forerunner
	Muscleman Steve
10	'50s Corsair, e.g.



ACROSS

- 1 Old arid puzzle: 2 wds 11 Bunched
- fruits
- 18 Yachtsman
- 24 Capsized 25 Very stylish
- 26 Busy
- 27 Dictionaries, atlases, etc.
- 28 Nap taker
- 29 Wipe off . (destroy utterly): 2 wds
- 30 Wears away 31 Chris Lloyd's
- parents, e.g.
- 33 Agents of revenge
- 35 Old high note: 2 wds (in IRELAND)
- 36 Belonging to us
- 37 Avoided craftily:
- 2 wds 40 Feedbag
- filling
- 42 West Point:
- Abbr.
- 44 Dull routines 45 French vineyards (in
- ENCRUSTED) 46 Bullets, for short
- 47 Pets' pests
- 48 Adolescent
- 49 Past, in time 50 Let go
- 52 Italian port (TESTIER anag.)

54 Bureaus

- 57 Naval ship initials
- 58 Cherry seeds Wipes clean
- 61 Actor's offstage assistant
- 62 Greek letters
- 64 Looked like Person on
- horseback In any case
- The R in RFD
- Knight's title Signifying
- 76 Tenth of a meter: Abbr.
- South American lake (CIA ATTIC anag.)
- 80 States: Fr. 81 Footless
- creatures (D SOAP anag.)
- Joe's (traditional ad): 2 wds
- Take revenge: 2 wds.
- 86 Filmmaker Jacques (in HESITATION)
- 87 Suppressed Stupid one
- Be apprehensive Supplements:
- 2 wds Sawlike part
- Scarecrow's place
- Purple Heart. e.g.
- 98 Watchmen
- 100 Baseball or soccer 102 Takes one's
- chess turn: 3 wds
- 104 Explosive stuff 105 Tivoli landmark, Villa (STEED anag.)

- 107 Grow larger, as a war
- 109 Hole-_ (golf dream)
- Throws overboard
- 1,000 grams, for short
- Ram-headed Egyptian god
- 114 Guarantee
- Sales slip: Abbr
- Gunga
- 119 Driver 123 Square dancers
- Author Jane and others
- 127 Persona ___ grata
- Samoan capital
- 130 Disrobed
- Track circuits Goad (on)
- Actress Carter of Gimme a Break
- 135 Allows
- 136 French islands
- 137 Assistant
- Debated to
- waste time Feline
- 142 Decimal base
- **143** Vending machine eatery
- Lady (famed 'bareback' rider)
- __ fight (have an argument): 3 wds
- 148 Dodged 150 Powerful person
- One with a wandering mind

- 154 Leave the work force
- 155 In transit: 2 wds. 156 Shakespearean
- play: 2 wds. _ the wrist (meaningless punishment):
- 2 wds 158 Russian plains
- 159 Practical judgment: 2 wds.

DOWN

- 1 Exhausted: 2 wds
- 2 Employed excessively
- 3 Promoter of change
- The ____ Scott
- Decision Scatter about
- 6 Doris Day's theme
- song: 3 wds.
- Coffee dispenser
- Forebear TV's Superman,
- George _ Ford failure
- 11 Most stylishly attired
- _ Day (November 2): 2 wds.
- 13 Born: Fr. 14 Actor's business
- manager Back of the neck
- 16 Wind speed gauge
- 17 Brook 18 Actor Alan
- 19 Publisher Adolph 20 Dined
- 21 Eternal 22 Give a rating

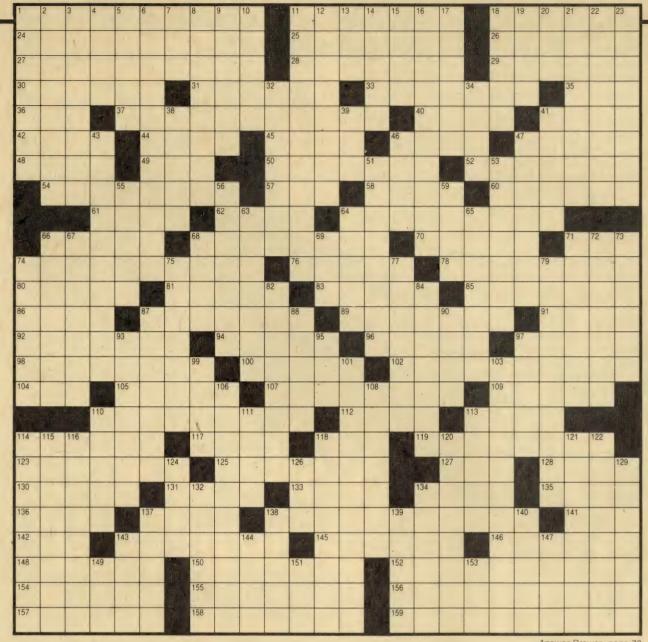
- 23 Again does not bid
- 32 New soldier Young bull
- (TOTS anag.) Drill-like tool
- "What's the _?'' (''Why bother?")
- **41** Beg
- Teller of curious stories
- In present condition: 2 wds.
- 47 Illuminated by flames
- 51 Pre-dinner drink
- Akin
- 55 Tallow fats Universities
- Pornography
- 63 Broom sticks
- Recycled tire "The Charge of
- the Light. Confiscated
- again Place for a
- circus: 3 wds. Use a sponge
- Peace symbol Bought
- cheaply: 2 wds. Hole in a
- glacier: 2 wds Rub the wrong
- wav 74 Abhor
- 75 Most stretched 77 NBC humanto-beast show
- 82 Snakes Splitting (cyclotron feat):

Of rites

- 2 wds. 87 Less noisy
- 88 Smeltery waste 90 Actress Sommer

- 93 Gave commands
- 95 Circle part
- 97 Estate home
- 99 Agitate Jotting down
- facts: 2 wds. 103 Uncle Tom's
- Cabin villain 106 Watch-gear
- device ___ oil (varnish
- ingredient)
- 110 Author Verne 111 Musical work
- 113 Coral ring
- 114 Judges in squabbles
- 115 Ocean elevation: 2 wds.
- 116 Dramatic cantata
- (EASTERN A anag.)
- 118 Detract (from)
- 120 Single-tiered Example of its
- kind
- 122 Giant woman
- 124 Narrow cut 126 Famed pharaoh,
- for short 129 Syrian goddess
- (STARE AT anag.) 132 Pueblo buildings
- 134 Western Indian Poet W. H. _
- 138 Razor-sharpening device
- Side-to-side measurement
- 140 Makes judgments
- Oxygen: Prefix Swiss river (AREA anag.)
- Masking or cellophane Party snack-tray
 - item Saucer's partner

Drunkard's hallucinations



Answer Drawer, page 70

Hard Clues (cont'd)

- 11 Appearing on Mr. Blackwell's 12 One of Oxford's
- colleges
- 13 Social-page word
- Smart or Smiley
- 15 Scruff
- 16 Meteorologist's gauge
- 17 Angler's milieu
- 18 Infamous motel owner
- 19 40-year Times publisher 20 Put away
- 21 Everlasting 22 Test-drive, e.g.

- 23 Throws another bomb
- 32 Buck private
- 34 Bullock
- 38 Meat grinder part
- 39 Avail
- 41 Implore
- 43 Yarn-spinner 46 Sale tag
- phrase 47 Like some camp
- meetings
- 51 Vermouth, e.g.
- 53 Kindred 55 Birdfeeder
- treats 56 Grouper groups

- 59 Moral crusader's target
- 63 Deals with
- 64 End-of-game summary
- 65 Fire fighters
- 66 Shot over
- 67 Where some scouts sleep
- 68 Film editor's technique
- 69 Geese formation
- 71 Got for less 72 Glacial
- grotto 73 Irritate
- 74 Execrate 75 Most likely to snap

- 77 Jonathan Chase's TV alias
- 79 Stately 82 Worry for the
 - ancient mariner
- 84 "There is no evil in ____': Adlai
- Stevenson 87 More tranquil
- 88 Lead scum 90 Paul's co-star in
- The Prize 93 Chose from the
- menu 95 Orbital path
- 97 Animal Farm farm
- 99 The clink 101 Acting the attentive pupil

- 103 Notorious
- plantation owner 106 Watchmaker's
- gear 108 Flax
- 110 ____ et Jim (1961 Truffaut film)
- 111 Concerto or fugue
- 113 Bikini, for one 114 Umpires of the
- strike zones? 115 Altimeter's
- reference 116 Pastoral ode
- 118 Lower in esteem 149 Quick swim
- 121 Sample 122 Tethys or Mnemosyne

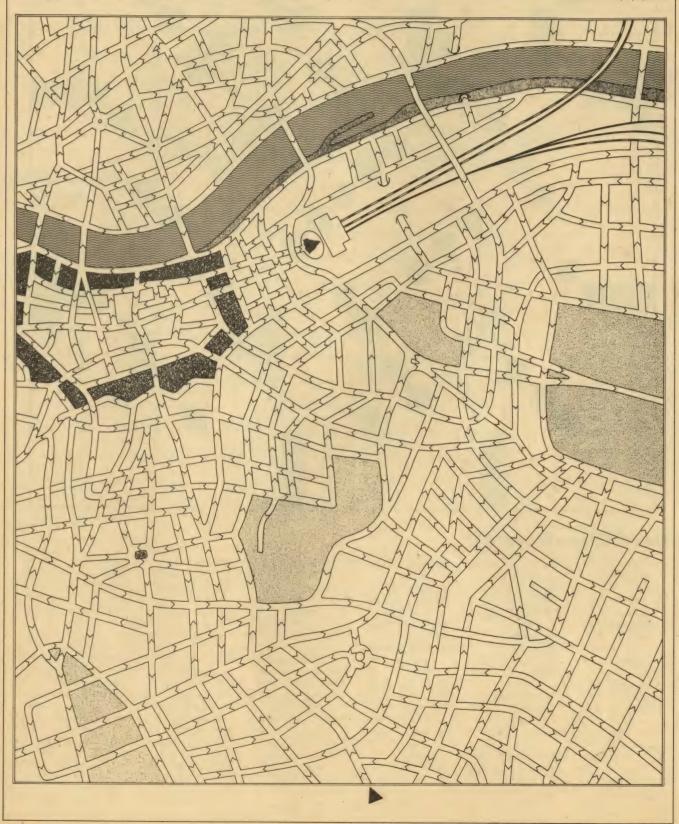
- **124** Skirt feature
- 126 Game of rounders
- 129 Goddess of Tyre
- 132 Hopi homes
- 134 Blanket type
- 137 The Age of Anxiety poet
- 138 Barbershop item
- 139 Part of some
- area formulae 140 Judges
- 143 Prefix with metric or dynamic
- 144 Wohlensee river
- 147 LP alternative
- 120 Like some cakes 151 Item for
 - a zarf 153 Skid row sights?

A German Street Maze

Can you reach the *Hauptbahnhof* (railroad station) from the starting point at the bottom of the map? Beware the one-way

streets—always proceed with the arrows, never against them!

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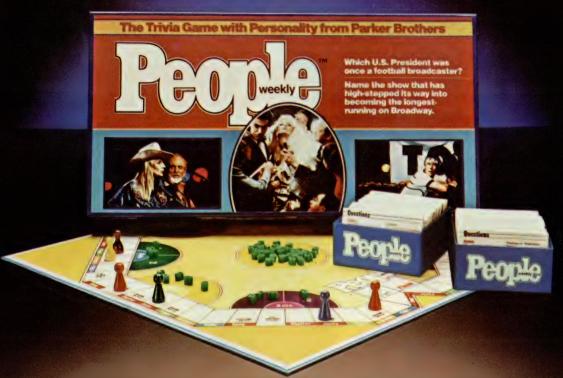


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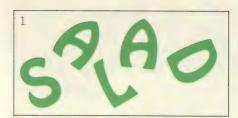
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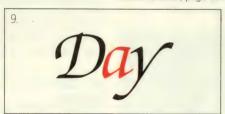
PROMISED PROMISED GARDEN

COLOR WACKY WORDIES

It seems whenever we publish a set of Wacky Wordies we promise it will be the last. But this time you've caught us **HANDED!** If you know we mean red-handed, you're well on your way to solving these 19 Color Wacky Wordies.

The object is to discern a familiar phrase, saying, cliché, or name in each arrangement of letters. In this many-hued variation, each answer contains a color. Number one, for example, depicts "tossed green salad." Can you puzzle out the rest?

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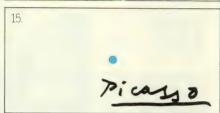




















BY HARRY AND MICHAEL MEDVED

AMES's resident bamboozler, Jeremy Piltdown, recently had a taste of his own trickery. The occasion was the opening night of the Golden Turkey Film Festival, a screening of cinematic clinkers that make Porky's II look like Citizen Kane. But when Jeremy read the program, he almost choked on his Goobers: Some of the flicks described therein were fakes.

A free ticket to the rest of the festival goes to anyone who can guess which of these ill-conceived movies were really produced, and which ones were concocted to tease you.

A CHANGE **OF HABIT** (1969)

First imagine Elvis Presley as a guitarstrumming doctor who provides first aid and counseling to the underprivileged. Then imagine Mary Tyler



Moore as a plainclothes nun who falls in love with him. Presley beats up the local numbers runner and, in his spare moments, leads a Mass in the singing of his big hit, "Let Us Pray." Moore herself cures a heroin addict by helping him overcome a speech impediment. At the end, Mary must make a choice: the King or the Prince of Peace?

FOR GOD AND **COUNTRY** (1944)

Produced at the old Hal Roach Studios ("Fort Roach"), this U.S. Army training film was intended to inspire G. I.s to praise the Lord while slaughtering



the enemy. The plot, such as it is, revolves around a trio of army chaplains who make their contribution to the war effort by reassuring several nervous recruits before they are dispatched to the front lines. The most lovable of these twofisted men of God is portrayed not by Bing Crosby, but by Ronald Reagan, giving a performance somewhat better than that delivered at his last press conference.

Brothers Harry and Michael Medved collaborated on "The Fifty Worst Films of All Time" and "The Golden Turkey Awards," a compendium of cinemediocrity. Their latest book, "The Hollywood Hall of Shame," will be published this spring

THE PHANTOM **CREEPS** (1939)

Bela Lugosi stars as the malevolent Dr. Alex Zorka, a wacko Nazi scientist who utilizes a trained black widow spider to help murder American



intelligence agents. Zorka is also the inventor of an eightfoot-tall robot that wears a perpetual frown and a belt that makes men invisible—allowing Lugosi himself to be offscreen during several lengthy sequences. This clever ploy meant Universal wouldn't have to pay him as much.

I WAS A TEENAGE COMMUNIST (1955)

When baby-faced Red agents infiltrate the student government of Warren G. Harding High School, football captain and aspiring drag racer Rick



Ronson (played by the young Peter Graves) must convince town authorities of the threat and rescue his best girl Sue from Marxist indoctrination. A real howler today (it occasionally appears on a twin bill with Reefer Madness), this flick was required viewing in many rural school districts, and it was said to be a favorite of J. Edgar Hoover.

THE KUNG FU EXORCIST (1973)

This ingenious import from Hong Kong managed to combine the worst of the demonicpossession genre with the worst of the martial-arts extrav-



aganzas in a unique cinematic chop suey. The main character is an aged Buddhist monk and kung fu master who comes back after death to bring justice to his murderers. For obscure reasons, the reincarnated hero decides to take the form of a flying leather moccasin that leads his former students on a rampage of vengeance. The students (unlike the audience) never seem to notice the string that clearly animates the lethal shoe.

TO DOUBLEST THE DOUBLEST

THE NYLON JUNGLE (1962)

An atmospheric film noir about a series of mysterious murders in New York's hosiery industry. Actor Joseph Campanella plays the hard-boiled detective bired by legger



tive hired by leggy stocking magnate Nina Foch to track down the psychopathic killer. After exposing the seamy side of the business, the story moves to a climactic gun battle in which the mortally wounded villain falls from a factory window into a passing garbage truck, allowing Campanella to deliver the film's memorable closing line: "He died the right death for the garbage that he was."

VARAN THE Unbelievable (1958)

Yet another Japanese monster flick in the tradition of *The Smog Monster* and *Gamera the Monster Turtle*. This one offers a giant maneating flying squirrel



who takes over the countryside near oft-abused Tokyo. To fill up the running time for U.S. distribution, a subplot was added in which an American G. I. (Myron Healey) and his sickly Japanese wife (Tsuruko Kobayashi) mobilize U.S. and Japanese defense forces to beat back the ravaging rodent. Godzilla, where are you when we need you?

BLUE SUNSHINE (1972)

Peace and love were never like this. In a low-budget shocker, some former hippies from Haight-Ashbury (now "normal" middle-class ad-



ults) are turned into homicidal maniacs by the lingering effects of a batch of tainted LSD. They run amok, of course. And, irony of ironies, a side effect of their condition is that they become completely bald. Can they be stopped before the world is *totally* bummed out? Only Timothy Leary knows for sure.

LITTLE COVERED WAGONS (1933)

After having delighted movie fans with the world's first all-midget western (The Terror of Tiny Town) as well as the world's first all-black western (Har-lars on the Profile)



lem on the Prairie), director Sam Newfield dressed up this soggy sagebrush saga with the only all-chimpanzee cast in Hollywood history. In leading the miniature wagon train to a new home in California, the little fellas use natural leadership and dubbed voices to overcome every hairy obstacle they face, including hostile Indians also played by chimps.

CAPABLANCA (1946)

No, not Casablanca, Capablanca. In attempting to cash in on the Bogart-Bergman blockbuster, Republic Studios courted confusion by filming a cheapo biogra-



phy of the Cuban world chess champion José Raoul Capablanca. The highlight of this resounding box-office flop comes when his long-suffering mate, played by Vera Hruba Ralston, declaims bitterly, "Capa, your problem is you see the world only in terms of black and white." John Carroll played the genius in this doosie that confuses late-show viewers when it shows up instead of the expected classic.

FLESH FEAST (1970)

Filmed entirely on location in the Florida Everglades, this ghastly tale stars 1940s siren Veronica Lake (in her last performance) as a mad scientist who



discovers a modern fountain of youth—a beauty treatment that consists of making live maggots crawl through the skin of the patient's face in order to revitalize and refashion it. Things get out of hand when Lake receives a visit from none other than Adolph Hitler, who is eager to keep his complexion youthful in the hope of making a political comeback.

EQUIPMENT

The board shown, two white tokens, two black tokens, two dice, plus pencil and paper (scoresheet) for each player.

SETUP

The tokens are placed on the four starred corner squares, with tokens of the same color diagonally opposite each other. Players roll the dice, and high roller goes first.

OBJECT

To be the first to score 500 points (or any agreed-upon total).

PLAY

One player controls the white tokens, the other the black tokens. Each turn, a player rolls the two dice and moves his two tokens. One token is moved the number of spaces shown on one die, the other the number shown on the other die. Either die may be assigned to either token.

Tokens move clockwise around the inner or outer tracks, and can switch from one track to the other via "bridges"—the six lettered spaces that contain two arrows each. A token may not reverse direction or cross the same square twice on one roll, not even at a bridge.

Each time a token ends a move on a letter, the player owning that token writes the letter on his scoresheet. If both a player's tokens land on letters, both letters are recorded.

If a player lands on the other player's token, he does not record the letter in that space, but instead "steals" a letter of his choice from the opponent's list of letters, which he may always examine freely. The stolen letter is crossed off the opponent's list and added to the player's. (If the opponent happens to have no letters at the time, the player gets nothing.)

Occasionally a player may hit both his opponent's tokens on the same turn, or may land on one token with both of his own. In either case he steals two letters instead of one. (If a token lands on a starred square that is occupied by an opponent's token or tokens, the player may steal a letter and form a word. See Word Formation, at right.)

Landing on a GO AGAIN space allows the player to reroll the dice and move both tokens again. Thus, in a single turn it is possible to acquire three letters (or even more, if a player lands on a GO AGAIN space on his reroll). But if both tokens land on GO AGAIN spaces on the same roll, only one reroll is allowed.



A TWO-PLAYER BOARD GAME IN WHICH STEALING IS STYLISH

**

by Henry Hook and R.Wayne Schmittberger

WORD FORMATION

A starred square allows the player who lands on it to score a word, if he wishes, by forming a word with five or more letters on his scoresheet. If he chooses to score a word, he writes it on his scoresheet and then removes the letters he used from his list. A letter on the list may be used only once—to form a word using two E's, for example, the list must have at least two E's on it, both of which are crossed off in scoring the word.

If both a player's tokens land on starred squares in the same turn, the player may, if he can, score two words at once, earning points for each (see Scoring, at right). Landing on a starred square and not scoring a word incurs no penalty, but neither does the player earn a letter with that token.

If a player lands on a starred square and a letter in the same turn, or on a starred square and a space occupied by an opponent's token, he adds the new letter to his list before forming his word. The order of events in a turn is to roll the dice, move the tokens, add new letters to the list (including steals), and finally, if on a starred square, to form a word if desired.

Any standard criterion for acceptable words may be used, but should clearly be agreed upon by the players before the game begins.

SCORING

Scoring a word earns points in two ways. First, points are earned based on the length of the word, as follows:

lo. of letters	Points
5	10
6	30
7	60
8	100
9	150
10 or more	200

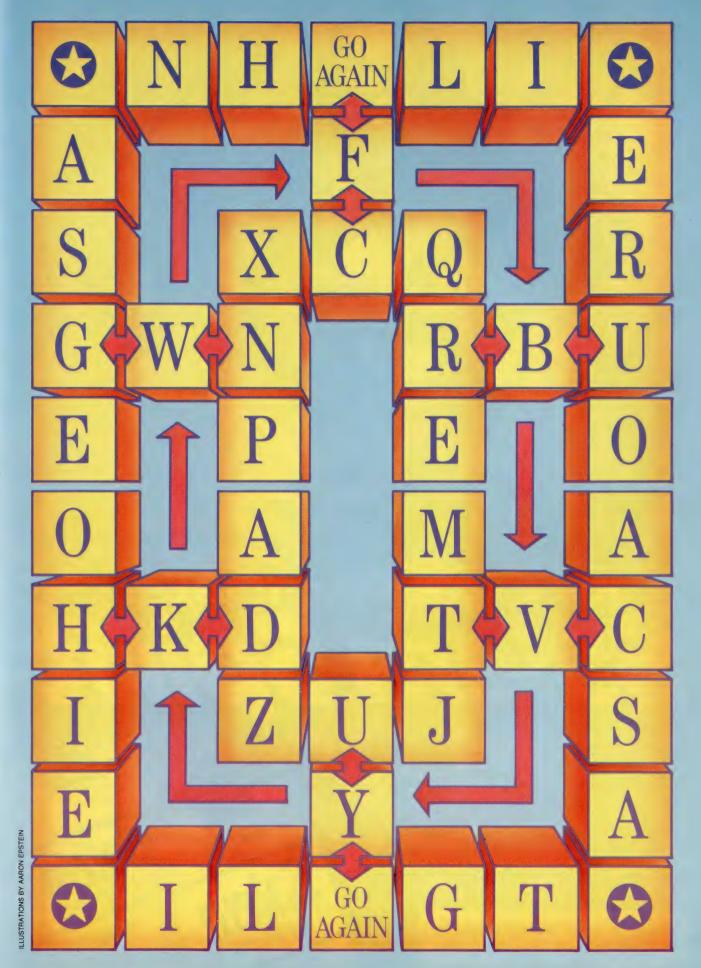
Second, a bonus of 5 points is earned for every letter currently on the opponent's list.

STRATEGY

Form words with your hard-to-use letters whenever possible. Extra Q's and z's in your hand will do little but give the opponent a few extra points every time he forms a word.

Forming short words is advantageous when the opponent has a lot of letters (since you then earn a lot of bonus points), but you should otherwise save letters for long words. Staying behind the opponent's tokens is important, even if it means settling for harder-to-use letters. In the long run, the player who steals more letters is likely to come out ahead. Also, it's worth landing on a less desirable letter with one token in order to hit the GO AGAIN space with the other, since this may give you three letters and/or an extra chance to hit the opponent.

GAMES editors Henry Hook and R. Wayne Schmittberger have spent many lunch hours playing Scrabble on toric and spherical boards.



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GAMESEBOOKS

Edited by R. Wayne Schmittberger

Show Biz (Prestige Games, 2 Birds Hill Rise, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0SW, United Kingdom; price, including airmail postage, is \$32 by check, \$30 by International Money Order)

If you think you can predict what types of performers will make it big in show business, Derek Carver's new game is for you: It abstractly—but accurately—re-creates the life of a theatrical agent.

Balls of six different colors represent public demand for various types of artists. At the start of the game, 12 balls are



drawn randomly from a bag; six go in the bottom row of indentations on the wooden board, and six in the second row, to represent demand for the first two years. Artists are represented by disks whose colors match those of the balls. The first of two to six players draws one disk from the "talent pool," hoping to sign that artist to a contract. Other players may submit secret bids for that artist, too, with the highest bidder signing him to a contract of one to five years. Then the next player draws a disk, and play continues in this way until everyone has six artists under contract, which ends the first year. Players earn points according to how many of their disks match the balls on the board; that is, how well they have met the public demand that year.

At the beginning of each year, a die is rolled to determine "market stability." Players who sign big stars to long contracts prosper if the market is stable; an unstable market favors short contracts. In either case, when a new year begins, six new balls are placed in the next row of the board, and play continues as before, with the number of new artists limited to the number whose contracts expired the previous year. The game continues for 10, 11, or 12 years (the end is determined randomly), and the high scorer wins.

The rules require the demand balls to be returned to the bag before a new draw. To give players a better chance to predict what's coming (since the number of balls of each color is known), we recommend removing used demand balls from the game beginning with year three. —Sid Sackson

Oil's Well by Thomas Mitchell (Sierra On-Line, on cartridge for Atari and Commodore 64 computers; \$35; available soon for other systems)

Laying the Alaskan pipeline can't be much tougher than playing Oil's Well. Joystick in hand, you maneuver your drill bit from the refinery at the top of the screen down through a maze of underground tunnels, earning points as you try to collect all the oil pellets in each of eight successive boards (eight different "oil fields"). The play is reminiscent of Pac-Man, but because you lay pipeline behind you as your drill bit bores on, you're vulnerable along your entire path.

The enemies are three: the "oozies" and bombs that move through the tunnels, planted by rival oil barons; and time. You begin the game with three lives, and earn an additional life for each 10,000 points you score. A life lasts up to 99 seconds (a timer on the refinery displays the time remaining), but it may well end sooner. If, for instance, you chomp an oozie with your drill bit, you'll earn extra points, but if the oozie collides with your pipeline . . . boom! A bomb, on the other hand, won't harm your pipe, but will detonate it if it comes in contact with your drill bit. Fortunately, you can retract your pipeline quickly by pushing the action button. There's also a "petromin" (energy pill) buried deep in each field—when you run over it with your drill bit, the oozies slow down, and you gain a few extra seconds to reach the less accessible pellets (of which there are many, especially on the more advanced boards).

A good strategy is to clean up an entire board except for

one or two pellets. then grab oozies for points while the clock runs out-extra lives will come in very handy later on. Although the first few oil fields are laid out simply, in subsequent ones some areas can be reached only by a single tortuous route requiring you to extend your pipeline to very dangerous

very dangerous lengths.

Once you've

consumed the pellets on all eight fields at "regular" speed, you run through the same fields again with the oozies moving at the faster "unleaded" and then "premium" speeds. (We do have living proof that it's possible to complete all eight boards at all three speeds, but we consider ourselves pretty swift when we get past the sixth oil field at regular speed.)

The game is so fast than you may not have time to plot your most efficient routes, or to appreciate the elegant design of each oil field. We suggest pressing the ESCAPE button when you first encounter a new field—this will pause the game and allow you time to study the screen.

—B.H.

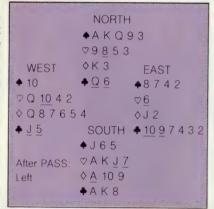
Win at Hearts by Joseph D. Andrews, with sections by George S. Coffin (Dover, 1983, 102 pages, \$2.95 paperback)

For a game so widely played, Hearts has been unaccountably neglected in the literature of card play. Joseph Andrews, an enthusiast who founded the New England Hearts Players Association and organized tournaments from 1973 until 1979, has begun to remedy that situation with this book, which covers the game's history, official rules, and, most of all, its strategy.

The author has drawn on his considerable experience to explain such fine points as the proper cards to pass from various high spade and high heart combinations; how to defend against attempted "slams" (or "moonshots"); and why saving high cards can make it easier to "strip" a hand of its other entries, enabling the player to exit without taking the dreaded queen of spades. Twenty-five deals, some instructive, others merely amusing, are discussed in detail. Most are from four-player cutthroat games, but reasonable space is devoted to partnership play, three-handed play, and the "omnibus" variant in which the jack (or 10) of diamonds scores white (bene-

ficial) points.

Many of the playing tips will benefit novices far more than experienced players; but even bridae players versed in squeeze techniques should be impressed hands like the following excerpted deal from a partnership (cards received on the pass are underlined):



The opening ♣ 2 lead went to the king, jack, and six. South led his ♦ 10 to seven, king, and jack. North next cashed the ♣ Q, taking West's five. North led his ♣ 9 to South's jack. The ♣ A won, West shed the ♦ 6, and North shed a low heart. South now suspected West's shape, and he led the ♠ 6. West heaved the ♥ 10, still leaving the ♥ Q guarded.

How did North-South make their slam (i.e., capture all 13 hearts and the ♠ Q between them)? —R. W. S.

Answer Drawer, page 70

PHOTOGRAPH BY STAN FELLERMAN

Word Wars (available from Timco Games, 11219 Haskell Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344; \$11.95 includes postage)

This refreshingly different two-player word game, though based on very simple rules, is extremely rich in subtlety and variety of play. Players maintain racks of 10 letter tiles, which are used to form words on the board. Each player tries to build a chain of words, interlocked in crossword fashion, stretching from his own board edge all the way across to the opponent's. The first to succeed, or the one with the more advanced chain if all 150 tiles are used up, is the winner.

But the game is not simply a race. When the two opposing word chains come near each other, a player may be able to "strike" the opponent's chain by connecting a word to it from his own chain. The striking player takes over ownership of any opposing tiles used in his newly formed word or words. All opposing tiles adjacent to these "captured" ones are then removed from the board and put back in the bag for later reuse. As a result of these removals, some other tiles may no longer form words or belong to a chain connected to a board edge; these tiles too are removed.

Since an entire chain can be wiped out by a strike near its base, players will quickly learn the importance of creating additional linkages among their words and of making it harder for the opponent to connect words to the forward sections of their chains. Such "fortifications" are achieved by playing two or more parallel words on adjacent lines when possible, and by placing good blocking letters like Q or V in strategic locations.

The tiles are plastic and the board of thin stock, but on the whole the equipment is quite serviceable and reasonably priced. Playing time is about an hour, but can be much longer when players are evenly matched.

—R. W. S.

Twenty Solve-Them-Yourself Photo Crimes (Simon and Schuster, 64 pages, \$7.95 hardcover)

Did the butler throw himself out the window or had he been murdered? Was the kidnap of the Elliot baby an inside job? And which of five suspects made off with the Cape Diamond? Armchair detectives will discover the answers to these mysteries and 17 others in *Photo Crimes*—but only if their skills of observation and deductive reasoning are in top-notch working order.

Each case is clearly and attractively presented in two to four pages of black-and-white photographs accompanied by explanatory captions and occasional full-color shots of some of the clues and red herrings. At the end of each mystery Scotland Yard's Inspector Black gives you a chance to solve the crime. If you've studied the pictures carefully, you may immediately want to point a finger at the guilty party. But if you need a little help you can refer to the clues pages, where you'll find some details of the visual clues singled out. (If you use the book's scoring system, each peek at the clues will cost you points.) Only after you've chosen the right suspect for the right reasons will Inspector Black explain the details of the case—indeed, this is one book that makes cheating downright difficult.

You may wonder why all 20 cases are set in the 1930s. It's only partly for effect—they're all similar (but not credited) to a series of photo crimes by Mileson Horton and Thomas Pembroke that first appeared in that decade.

-M. S.

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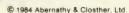
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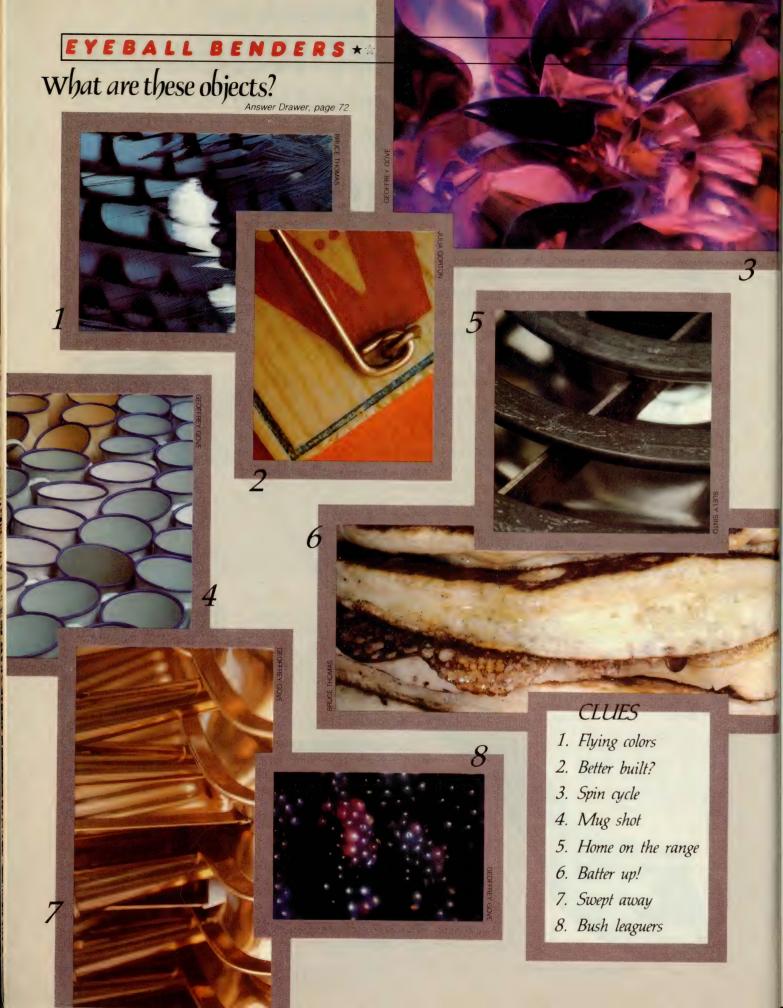
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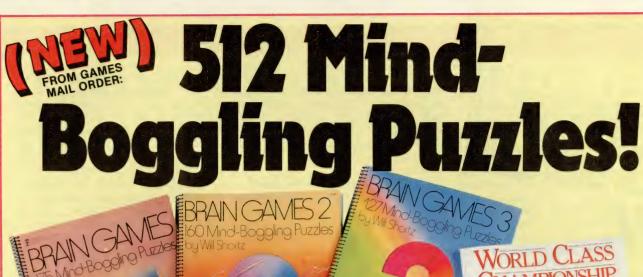
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SCAVENGED HUNT

e hoped it would be The Event of the Season, and indeed, the Nationwide Scavenger Hunt announced in our September issue stirred up plenty of coast-to-coast pandemonium. The challenge was to track down 30 specific items, and the effect was to send thousands of people scurrying into long-forgotten nooks and dusty attics, calling old friends to ask seemingly foolish questions, and writing to total strangers with sheepish requests for esoteric objects.

We received more than 3,800 packages, and along with the flotsam and jetsam that the contest required came wonderful shaggy-dog stories about how some of the items were located. Roughly 1,300 entrants claimed to have found all 30 items on the list, but on close inspection about 700 were validated as having the right stuff.

Many others boasted wild interpretations that, though they didn't pass muster, showed almost as much ingenuity as it would have taken to find the real things. For instance, having given up trying to find the word "esne" in a crossword grid (it's actually quite common), some readers circled the last four letters in "dense" and told us to read them backward. A few optimists who'd had no luck tracking down "a paper placemat with a maze printed on it" hand-printed A MAZE on a napkin and sent it in. Close, but not close enough.

Most entries, it turns out, were team efforts, assembled with the help of coworkers, family members, friends, and a few sporting strangers—some of whom answered want ads placed in local papers by frustrated scavengers.

("Wanted: an empty sugar packet with the picture of a woodpecker on it. Money no object.") Presumably, collaborators agreed to worry about prize-sharing later.

For most scavengers, the items seemed to fall into categories.

"I Know I Can Find That One"

Almost everyone found a red clothes button with two holes. Single-panel cartoons involving a scientist were also a cinch (most were from *Omni* magazine), and a TV listing "showing simultaneous airing of two programs featuring the same celebrity" was bound to turn up if you looked long enough (Carol Burnett was often the double - featured star). Pack rats knew that somewhere in the attic they'd find a magazine with a coupon that expired in 1975 and a doctor's bill for less than \$20.

A little logic saved a lot of time searching for a phone book listing of someone with the same last name as the street he or she lives on: The chances were greater of finding a Washington on Washington Street than a Rumfolo on Rumfolo Road (vet Lynette Gulley of Houston, Texas, did unearth the latter). As for a canceled postage stamp bearing a picture of a postage stamp, one entrant explained. "I simply went to the library and consulted the pictures in a stamp catalog, found several possibilities, called a stamp shop, bought the cheapest one. and mailed it to myself to obtain the cancellation." Simple?

"This May Sound Like an Odd Request, But ..."

Many hunters called friends and neighbors with three kids and a dog, in

search of a Christmas card with a family photo. Perhaps the same neighbors might still have a napkin from their June wedding, or an "A" ticket from last summer's trip to Disneyland or Disney World. "And while I have you on the phone—do you by any chance take your dog to a vet named Byrd, Fish, Katz, or Wolf?" (Nearly one fourth of the veterinarian business cards we received were from Dr. Martin Wolf, of Riverdale, New York, whose receptionist said she and an aide alternated days responding to requests from nearly all 50 states, plus Canada and Guam.)

People hunting for a calendar page showing a full moon on Friday the 13th tried many different routes, from sheer guesswork to creating computer programs and even writing to astronomers. The only month we knew of in recent times that included this sinister combination was November 1970. Previous occurrences were in the 1930s and the early 20s. This, we thought, would be one of the hardest items to find. Then the 1984 calendars appeared—with a full moon on Friday, July 13! Nonetheless, a couple of die-hard scavengers sent us yellowed calendars from half a century ago.



"Keep the Motor Running, I'll Be Right Back"

The item that required the most legwork was a Chinese menu with three misspelled English words. Variations on "Moo Shoo Pork" were not considered kosher spelling errors, but we did savor the idea of such regional specialties as "slizzling rice," "fired dumplongs," and assorted "vegetalian dishes." Heart-shaped swizzle sticks were also hard to find, but they did turn up in shops featuring cute, sentimental knickknacks. One such store we called in New York didn't carry them-but was putting in an order to meet the sudden demand.

If you scoured supermarket aisles in vain for a food product containing tamarinds and anchovies, you'll empathize with Kim Gustafson, of Hanover Park, Illinois: "My husband absolutely refused to enter another grocery store with me after spending several hours in many stores in North Dakota and Minnesota while we were supposedly on our vacation," she wrote. Fortunately, she eventually found those ingredients in Worcestershire sauce. A list of Top Ten records for any week in 1968 was most easily found in library copies of Billboard magazine—if they hadn't all been swiped, which one reader reported had happened in her area.

The object most difficult to find (and most variously interpreted) was the empty sugar packet showing a picture of a woodpecker. While some lucky scavengers found them right in their local coffee shops, others told woeful tales of pleading with sugar companies across the country. In the words of Jeanette Meek Handling, of Alton, Illinois: "I'll never be able to look at a sugar packet dispassionately again."

"Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming"

Our favorite item was the expired I.D. card, since it gave us the welcome opportunity to see what you look like (or looked like-the pictures were, by definition, out of date). The bumper stickers sporting a "Honk if You're . . ." message gave entrants an opportunity to celebrate their nationality or favorite pastime. Interestingly, we received 1,000 "Honk if You're Horny" to each "Honk if You're a Virgin," plus a few "Honk if You're Hunting" and a hopeful "Honk if You're a Winner." We also admit to reading all your southof-the-equator postcards, some

of which said simply, "Here's your postcard from south of the equator." (Did anyone make a special trip to Brazil just to send that item home?) One Australian reader, Adam Pike of Queensland, found the postcard easily

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but wrote to ask, "Who on earth is Gene Shalit?" (Shalit's photo was another requisite of the hunt.)

In the end, readers found the Nationwide Scavenger Hunt exhausting, frustrating, sometimes expensive, but apparently quite satisfying. "As my last item came to hand," wrote Jeanne Wood, of Bridge City, Texas, "I felt a bit of desperation that it was over and I now had nothing else to hunt for.'

Although we can't award prizes to all 700 people who sent complete entries, a few honorary GAMES T-shirts are in order. One goes to Terri Cain, of Morris, Illinois, whose complete entry arrived first-just 20 days after the contest issue was put in her mailbox. The most attractively assembled package came from Elizabeth Behnken, of New York, New York, who submitted a complete entry in behalf of the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, for which she works. Another shirt goes to the Corbin family, of Raleigh, North Carolina, who sent more than 10 entries, most by third class mail because they were so early.

But the most entertaining set of entries was submitted by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Paladino of Alexandria, Virginia.

While most of the Scavenger Hunt entrants reported working compatibly as teams, this sharp-witted couple did the opposite. "My husband and I were competing to see who could get all the items first," Mary Beth Paladino wrote when she sent us her entry. "But I think he may have cheated, so you'd better look closely."

Indeed, Dr. Bernard Paladino had tongue firmly in cheek when he sent us his first entry-several days before his wife's arrived. His postage stamp, for example, had another stamp glued onto it, and his Top Ten list was from 1983. ("Remakes," he claimed, straightfaced. "Just goes to show you, good music never goes out of style.")

Ultimately Dr. Paladino sent a second



first entry. I just wanted to beat out my wife."

Paladino also confessed to having found himself "stooping to behavior I thought beneath me," including following his wife to an obscure little eatery, where he "discovered she was not going for some secret rendezvous but for the invaluable sugar packets imprinted with you-know-what." Perhaps as a penance, Paladino constructed a crossword using all 30 Scavenger Hunt items as grid entries. But even here he was bested by his wife, who along with her entry sent the Pic Tac Toe puzzle shown at right. Not only does it cleverly use nine items from the Scavenger Hunt list-it's the best Pic Tac Toe we've yet seen. T-shirts to both.

The Winners

Our computer-generated random draw yielded the top 30 winners from among the 700 complete entries. Our number-one winner, Peggy Campbell, of Decatur, Alabama, chose as her prize the much-coveted Apple Ile computer. Patricia Wunnicke, Denver, CO, chose the Atari 5200 and five video games; John Thieroff, Lambertville, MI, the Schwinn Super Le Tour 12-speed bike; Jeff Withum, Avella, PA, the JVC video cassette recorder; and Arden and Gerald Brady, Annapolis, MD, won two tickets to the 1984 Super Bowl.

The other 25 winners chose from the remaining prizes, including a Nikon FG 35mm camera, a 1957 Mickey Mantle baseball card, and a collection of pre-1960 Cracker Jack prizes. They are: Greg Gorden, Chicago, IL; Mark A. Frank, Havertown, PA; Lois Baseler and Julie Hetzel, Middleton, WI; Guy Verney, West Simsbury, CT; Debbie Zamostny, Sagamore Hills, OH; Ruth Duska, Takoma Park, MD; Janet A. Keys, Orlando, FL; Kathy Hiller, Portland, OR; Dorothy Consoli, Cliffside Park, NJ; Gerald Zweber, Milwaukee, WI; Nancy Comfort, Buchanan, MI; Thomas Polis, Cicero, IL; Jonni Emrich, Cleveland, OH; Gordon Cruikshank. Menlo Park, CA; Karen Moffatt Veiga. Middleboro, MA; Richard Rusdorf, Chicago, IL; Donna Heyse, Orlando Park, IL: Deborah Downs, Sarasota, FL; Howard Einbinder, Brooklyn, NY; Elizabeth Wren, West Memphis, AR; Patrick Nagel, Channahon, IL; James Thompson, Manhattan Beach, CA; Bart Wellborn, Atlanta, GA; Roberta Matwiczak, Stockton, CA; and Hugh Cherne, Minneapolis, MN. Congratulations to them and to everyone who entered.—R. L.

SCAVENGER HUNT PIC TAC TOE

Can you find the unique theme for each horizontal, vertical, and diagonal row? (Example: The theme for the top row is animals.)

Answer Drawer, page 70



HIDDEN CONTEST

From January

Our January Table of Contents included this message for would-be *Hidden Contest* entrants: "For best results, look in the most obvious spot." Yet even with this helpful nudge in the right direction, only a handful of searchers could find the correct page, and of those, only one actually found the Hidden Contest.

Thirteen entrants realized that the phrase "for best results" could only refer to the Contest Results in the January issue, but no two could agree on what to do next. One reader added up the ZIP codes of the previous winners' addresses, put a dollar sign in front of the total, and submitted the first contest entry/invoice. Another completely rearranged all the letters on the page to spell a long-winded message about a chance to "win a brand new Mercedes Benz of silver hue."

But it was Rollo Piaf, of McLean, Virginia, who alone recognized the full clue in the Table of Contents message. What, on the Contest Results page, was "the most obvious spot"? Why, the dot on the "i" of "Hidden Contest," of course. Indeed, that dot in every issue was a specially prepared microdot, made possible by astounding new breakthroughs in magazine printing technology. The microdot, when sufficiently enlarged, yielded the message "CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE 'SPOTTED' THE HIDDEN CONTEST. NOW SEND A PICTURE OF A 'SPOT-TED' LEOPARD BY 2/30/84. 20 EN-TRIES CHOSEN RANDOMLY WIN GAMES T-SHIRTS."

We congratulate Mr. Piaf on his unprecedented solitary find. Unfortunately, Mr. Piaf will not receive a T-shirt, since the picture he sent was clearly not a leopard but a cheetah.

—A. F.



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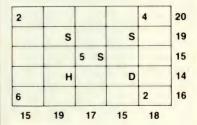
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tough nuts 24 Card Monte

Twenty-four cards—the ace through six of the four suits—are to be arranged in the 5 x 5 grid below. There will be one empty space.

The rules for placement are:

- 1. No row or column is to contain two cards of the same rank.
- Each row and each column must contain at least one card from each suit.
- 3. The extra suit card in each row and column must not be adjacent, either horizontally or vertically, to another card of the same suit. This, of course, does not include the row and column with the empty space, since only four suits can be placed there.
- Counting an ace as 1 point, the point values of the cards in each row and column must add up to the totals given.



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HALL OF FAME

Oscar Losers

We've removed the letters o-s-C-A-R from the following Oscar-winning films and contracted the leftover letters, leaving no spaces between the words. For example, Lawrence of Arabia, with O, S, C, A, and R removed, becomes LWENEFBI.

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WORDPLAY

Name the Invention

Horteks Vortex, the famous Czechoslovakian inventor, has come up with six new inventions since his defection to the United States a few months ago. Vortex, who comes from a long line of poets, insists that his inventions have names that rhyme. For example, a marinated cucumber produced by a method so efficient that it can be sold at a profit for a mere five cents could be called a NICKEL PICKLE. Can you help Vortex name the inventions below? (Numbers in parentheses indicate the numbers of syllables in each word; each solution contains two words.)

- A gadget that makes tiny holes in aspirin tablets so that they can be strung like beads (1)
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Of course you know who is buried in Grant's Tomb, and what the color of George Washington's white horse was, but can you answer the following?

- 1. In what state was the Kentucky rifle first made?
- 2. What two nations opposed each other in the French and Indian War?
- 3. What is rice paper made of?
- 4. In what European country did the Pennsylvania Dutch originate?
- 5. In what year did the War of 1812 begin?

—Gregg Siegel
Answer Drawer, page 71

WORDPLAY

License to Fill

I recently bought a "vanity" license plate for my car. Given the clues that follow the alphabet below, can you tell what word appears on my license plate?

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- 1. All six letters on the plate are
- different.

 2. None of the letters contain a
- curved line.

 3. None of the consonants come
- None of the consonants come from the first half of the alphabet.
- Three letters are made up of three lines, two letters of two lines, and one letter of one line.
- No two consecutive letters of the alphabet appear, nor do both the first and last letters of the alphabet.

—H. H.

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NUMBER PLAY

Great Add-Venture

Can you make this addition problem add up correctly by replacing the seven letters in the equation with seven different digits?

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TRIVIA

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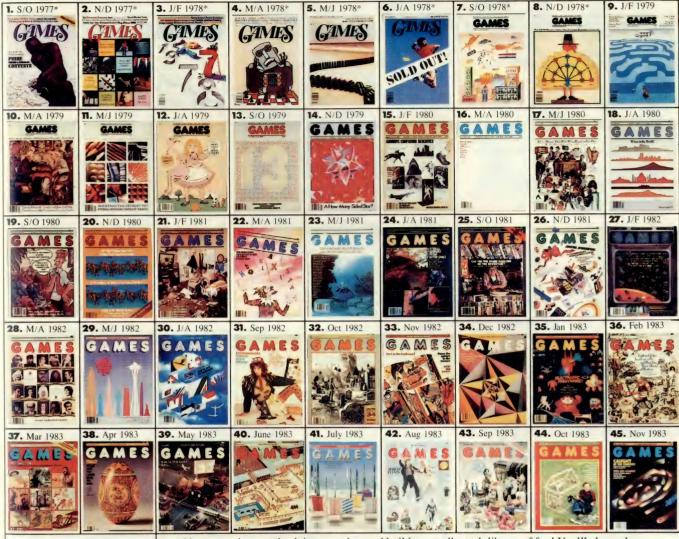
Even if you never watched the old TV series you know it was the Lone Ranger who always said "Hiyo, Silver, away!" Many other expressions, repeated week after week on TV, have outlasted the popular shows that originated them. We've listed 19 of them below; can you identify the shows they came from?

- 1. Beam us up, Scotty.
- One of these days, Alice pow! right in the kisser.
- 3. On, King! On, you huskies!
- There is a fifth dimension beyond that which is known to man.
- 5. Look *that* up in your *Funk & Wagnalls*.
- 6. Remember now, be careful out there.
- 7. Would you believe . . .?
- 8. Yoo-hoo, Mrs. Bloom!
- 9. What a revoltin' development this is.
- 10. Na nu, na nu.
- 11. I dood it!
- 12. There is nothing wrong with your television set. . .
- 13. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds.
- 14. And that's the way it is.
- 15. Dy-no-mite!
- 16. You rang?
- 17. Kiss my grits.
- 18. Holy mackerel, Andy!
- 19. Same to you, fella.

—В. Н.

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4 Your Move

Nothing Magic About It

The entire grid should be filled with zeroes.

For the Birds

All are real birds

Tick Tock

The last time should be 6:30. The series 2:00, 4:15, and 6:30 represent the successive addition of 2 hours 15 minutes; the alternating series 12:10, 3:20, and 6:30 are the approximate times shown by reversing the hands of the immediately preceding time

Twisted Proverbs

- 1. An apple a day is worth a pound of cure.
- An ounce of prevention keeps the doctor away.
- 2. Slow and steady is the best policy. Honesty wins the race.
- 3. Early to bed and early to rise makes Jack a dull boy
- All work and no play makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- 4. Too many cooks are better than one. Two heads spoil the broth.
- 5. A penny saved is worth two in the bush. A bird in the hand is a penny earned.

Dear Johns

The names are already matched: 1-a Marquand; 2-b Sargent; 3-c Ewing; 4-d Sousa; 5-e Rockefeller; 6-f Calhoun; 7-h Dulles

Old Smoky

The answer is 35. With 36 butts he can make six cigarettes, and using the butts from those six he can make a seventh. But he needed to find only 35 that day, since he began the day with one butt left over from the previous evening.

6 Letters

Rhyme Scheme

The lengths of the words represent the first 30 digits of the value of pi, an endless, nonrepeating decimal: 3.1415927535

27 Question Mark Hint

The puzzle's trick is that all the answers are opposite in meaning to their clues.

14 Logic

High Spies

If Cy and Ty were (in some order) a spy and a counterspy, there is no way they could have made the statements attributed to them; these statements contradict and lead to a logical paradox. Therefore, Ipswitch lied in reporting the statements. Ipswitch is a liar; hence, Ipswitch is the counterspy!

Cannibal Quandary

The islander who answered the third question 'Yes'' is indeed the Liar. But his name cannot be Moe-he lied when he introduced himself. The Truthteller naturally gave all three names correctly, so the Liar and Faker must have switched names. Note that Curly cannot be the Truthteller because he said Moe was the Liar; this leaves Larry as the Truthteller. The first islander to answer was Moe the Faker, the third was Curly the Liar.

Neil J. Rubenking should have headed north.

Gang of Four

The first list of statements leads to the conclusion that Chadwick and Dobbs are guilty. The second list leads to the conclusion that Brown is guilty. Assuming, per the stoolie's hint, that both these conclusions are incorrect, the real thief can only be

12 Visual Choplogic

Top row: This sequence proves, for once and for all, that the chicken came before the egg. Left border: Love makes the world go 'round. Right border: When it rains, it pours. Bottom row: Contrary to what you've been told, you should put the cart before the horse.

19 Practical Jokes

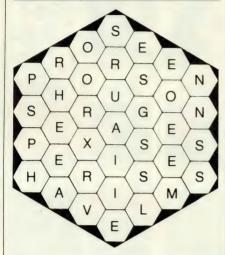
Hidden in Martin Gardner's article on practical jokes are these three leg-pulls: There is no U.S. government report comparing practical jokes in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.; Congress has not changed the date on which April Fools is celebrated; and Calvin Coolidge, popularly known as "Old Stone Face," probably never pulled a prank in his life.

11 Gamebits

Talking Sports

- (d) Casey Stengel
- 2. (e) Wilt Chamberlain
- Jack Dempsey
- 4. (g) Bobby Fischer
- 5. (i) Howard Cosell
- 6. (b) Arnold Schwarzenegger
- 7. (a) Reggie Jackson
- 8. (f) Satchel Paige 9. (c) Julius Erving
- 10. (h) Minnesota Fats

43 Honeycomb



Note: The uphill and downhill words may also appear reversed.

Which Way to the Hauptbahnhof?



22 The Human Zoo

Left third, roughly top to bottom and left to right

Night owl Old coot Dead duck Old crow Old bat Old buzzard Jailbird Lone wolf

Busy bee (bartender) Social butterflies Barfly Boozehound

Clotheshorse Pool shark (he's also a loan shark) Cool cat

Autograph hound (he's also top dog) Stool pigeon Sitting duck Firebug Lounge lizard Pack rat Dirty dog (he's also an underdog)

Dirty rat (reading X-

rated magazine)

Snake-in-the-grass

Middle third Silly goose (flying upside down) Sex kitten

Young buck Road hog Spring chicken Shutterbug Old goat Sly fox Lame duck Ugly duckling

Right third

Early bird Workhorse (he's also a dark horse) War-horse Dumb ox Black sheep Smartass Fat cat Literary lion Eager beaver Bookworm Rock hound

39 Can You Remember Details?

- 1. "A Surprising Test"
- 2. Robert Leighton 3. Your dad
- 4. 1948
- 5. Chippendale
- 6. Two
- \$138
- 9. Lower right corner of the drawer
- 10. ★☆

Cold fish

11. The directions say there are 10 questions on the next page

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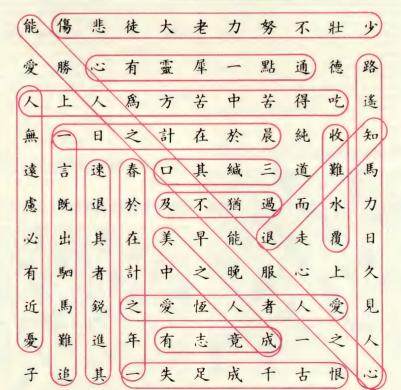
29 Fiddle-Faddle



49 Color Wacky Wordies

- Tossed green salad
- Purple prose
- 3. Red-headed woodpecker
- Yellow rose of Texas
- Scarlett O'Hara
- Rainbow trout
- Fresh-squeezed orange juice
- Little brown jug 9 Red-letter day
- African violet
- 11. Ol' blue eves
- "Ruby Tuesday" 12.
- Between the devil and the deep blue sea 13
- Coat of many colors
- Picasso's Blue Period
- Putting green 16.
- Toronto Blue Jays 17
- 18 Brownie points 19. Return of the Pink Panther
- The title, in case you were wondering, translates
- as "We Never Promised You a Rose Garden."

30 Confucius Says



32 Funny Faces



1. Judd Hirsch



3. Brooke Shields



Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers)



5. Dan Rather



6. David Letterman



7. Muhammad Ali



8. Billy Martin



9. Andy Warhol



10. Art Buchwald



11. David Bowie



12. Well, this is kind of embarrassing . . . but we're not really sure who this is.

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Thirteen per cent of the people in a certain town have unlisted phone numbers. You select three hundred names at random from the phone book. What is the expected number of people who will have unlisted numbers?

Answer: None. They wouldn't be listed. (The answer is spelled out, as seen above, by reading the third column of letters in the word list.) Acknowledgments to James Fixx in Solve It!

41 Cryptic Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gymnastics (sign my cast)
- 7 Bloc (col. + b)
- 9 Tighten up (inept thug)
- 10 Survive (virus + ve)
- 12 Leonine (Leo + nine)
- 13 Stray cats (Stacy + Arts)
- 15 Noise (one is)
- 16 Dawdles (lewd ads)
- 22 Osaka (oaks + a)
- 23 Pseudonym (you spend + M)
- 26 Exulted (t + deluxe)
- 27 Chicago (chic + ago)
- **29** Atomic age (a + tom + 1 + cage)
- 30 Alas (a lass)
- 31 Burgundies (burg + undies)

DOWN

- 1 Get along (egg + talon)
- 2 Magnolia (ma + in a log)
- 3 Attained (tea and it)
- Tinges (enchanTING EState)
- 5 Cops (Chief Of Police's Staff)
- 6 Slavic (cavils)
- 8 Covets (co. vets)
- 11 Usage (us + age)
- 14 Today (Y.A. + dot)
- 17 Among (mango)
- 18 Solution (UniTools)
- 19 Pastrami (pa's + mart + I)
- 20 Hardness (harness + d)
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Riddle answer: Because his business was folding.

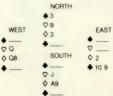
Fake Ad

The Fake Ad announced in the Table of Contents was for Uncross and appeared on page 14. The ad was created by David Pope.

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Puzzle From Win at Hearts

The book's discussion of the hand continues: 'North stepped up with his A and made the highly imaginative play of a low heart. South cashed the OAK, establishing that West held the queen, seemingly to doomslam. Next South led his last spade. North, sensing the position, won with his king and played his queen. East's hand was now dead [irrelevant]. South ditched the ♥ 7, and West kept his ♦ Q 8 and ♥ Q, as shown:



North led his last spade, South shed the ♥ J and West was sunk. If West were to shed a diamond, South's A 9 would win the last two tricks, or else North's ♥ 9 would complete the slam." Executing a "Vienna Coup"—an unblocking play that sets up a squeeze-is a particularly difficult maneuver in Hearts, since all four hands are hidden. Had South not cashed the $\nabla A K$ before North ran his spades, West would not have had a discarding problem.

62 Scavenger Hunt Pic Tac Toe

Horizontal: 1, 2, 3 Animals (woodpecker, vet names Byrd, Fish, Katz and Wolf, dog in photo)

4, 5, 6 Jokers ("Red Buttons," The Joker, Gene Shalit)

7, 8, 9 Plastic (swizzle sticks, ID cards, Plastics Co. in cartoon)

1, 4, 7 Red (redheaded woodpeck-Vertical: er, buttons, swizzle sticks)

2, 5, 8 Cards (business cards, playing cards, I.D. cards)

3, 6, 9 Mustaches and beards (Santa, Gene Shalit, the scientist)

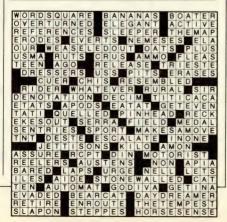
Diagonal: 1, 5, 9 Comic characters (Woody Woodpecker, the Joker, the scientist)

3, 5, 7 Hearts ("Hart" family, card suit, swizzle sticks)

72 Footnote: E.A.T.

April Fools

Alphabet Soup



ANSWER DRAWER

28 Bull's-Eye 20 Questions

- Rebelliously
- Terrific (terrible)
- 3. Ventriloquism
- 4. Effete
- 5. Saturday (sturdy)
- 6. Overgenerous (verge, onerous)
- 7. Basic (sick bay)
- 8. Mute (mate, mete, mite, mote)
- 9. Go (went)
- 10. Hijinks
- 11. Indiscreetly (nicety)
- 12. Knight (think)
- 13. Filibuster (fill a bus to)
- 14. Cablegram (cab, leg, ram)
- 15. Looped (poodle)
- 16. Committee
- 17. Corps
- 18. Truce (truth)
- 19. Aspirate (spirate, pirate, irate, rate, ate; "spirate" means "voiceless" or "breathed" according to Webster's Second)

20. And

'When in doubt, wear red.''-Bill Blass

29 Cross Words

- Railroad crossing
- Cross-examine
- 3. Crossing one's t's
- 1 Red Cross
- Cross-references
- 6. Cross one's heart
- Cross-stitch
- 8. Skull and crossbones
- 9. Cross-eved 10. Hot cross bun
- 11. Crosswalk
- 12. Cross-country
- 13. Crossbow
- 14. Cross section
- 15. Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- 16. Cross fire
- 17. Double-cross 18. Washington Crossing the Delaware

43 Question of the Month

(a) Prong-horned antelope. Animal (c) was disqualified for being a cheetah.

WILD CARD ANSWERS

No Foolin'

- "Fools Rush In" (an oldie, recorded by Rick Nelson in the sixties)
- "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers)
- "What a Fool Believes" (Doobie Brothers) "What Kind of Fool Am I?" (Sammy Davis,
- "Fool on the Hill" (Beatles)
- "A Fool Such as I" (Elvis Presley)
- "Fool (If You Think It's Over)" (Chris Rea)
- "Fool to Cry" (Rolling Stones)
- "She's a Fool" (Leslie Gore)
- "Foolin'" (Def Leppard)

24 Card Monte

2S	6C	3D	5C	4H
4C	AS	6H	3S	5D
ЗН	4D	5S	2H	AC
X	5H	2C	AD	6S
6D	3C	АН	48	2D

Oscar Losers

- 1. Patton
- Rocky
- 3. Marty 4. Oliver
- 5. Ordinary People
- 6. Kramer vs. Kramer
- The Godfather, Part II
- 8. Chariots of Fire
- 9 Casablanca
- 10. Rebecca

Nothing Up My Sleeve

Your rear end is on the paper, and you got your shoes on your feet.

Name the Invention

- 1. pill drill
- 4. wiener cleaner
- flue glue 3. mixer fixer
- 5. solar roller
- (or blender mender)
- 6. rubbery shrubbery

The World's Easiest Quiz

- 1. Pennsylvania. The rifle was popularized by Kentucky frontiersmen.
- 2. France and Great Britain. The Indians fought on the side of the French.
- The pith of the rice-paper tree. It is called "rice paper" because of its resemblance to paper made from rice straw.
- 4. Germany. Dutch is a misrepresentation of Deutsch.
- 5. Why, 1812, of course.

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So They Say

- 1 Star Trek
- 2 The Honeymooners
- 3. Sergeant Preston of
- the Yukon 4. The Twilight
- Zone 5. Rowan & Martin's
- Laugh-In 6. Hill Street Blues
- Get Smart
- 8. The Goldbergs
- 9. The Life of Riley
- 10. Mork & Mindy

- 11. The Red Skelton Show
- 12. The Outer Limits 13. Mission:
- Impossible 14. Walter Cronkite, CBS Evening
- News 15. Good Times
- 16. The Addams Family
- 17. Alice
- 18. Amos 'n' Andy
- 19. The Bob Newhart



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34 Dszguphsbnt!

- 1. CRYPTOON. "That cameraman is never around when we find some really exciting wildlife.
- 2. THE JOY OF DISCOVERY. The only thing that might be worse than finding a fly in your soup would be not finding it.
- 3. GASTRONOMIC TOUR. Travel can certainly be broadening . . . especially trips to bakeries, delis, and pizza parlors.
- 4. SPENDING SPREE. Viewpoint: He's profligate, you live beyond your means, I'm making wise investments for my future.
- 5. GROOMING TIP. Hairbrush made from real boar bristle treats locks more kindly than one having sharp nylon tufts
- 6. WATCH YOUR STEP. Cataclysmic earthquake action produced yawning chasms, dark canyons throughout our southwest desert.
- 7. HO-HUM. Rotund politico making orotund oration in capitol rotunda got raspberry from bored

41 Cryptic Warm-Up Puzzle

- 1. TOPS. The answer TOPS (defined as "spinning toys") is a reversal of SPOT ("catch sight of"). The word "turning" indicates the reversal.
- 5. BELLOWS. The answer in two different senses means "Herzog author's" (BELLOW'S) and "shouts."
- 6. ENTITLE. The word ENTITLE ("give the right to") is an anagram of LET E.T. IN. The word "perhaps" suggests that the preceding phrase could be rearranged to get the answer.
- 7. PLAN. The answer PLAN ("blueprint") is the word PLANE ("aircraft") without its final letter, or "unfinished.

DOWN

- 1. TABLET. The answer TABLET ("writing paper") can literally be found in the letters of "suiTABLE Thickness
- 2. PILOTS. If the word I is contained by, or "caught in," PLOTS ("schemes"), the result is PILOTS
- 3. HOSTEL. The answer HOSTEL ("place for travelers to stay") sounds the same as HOSTILE ("unfriendly"). The word "sounding" suggests the homophone
- 4. ASTERN. The word ASTERN ("at the rear of the boat") is a combination of AS ("like") and TERN ("a seabird").

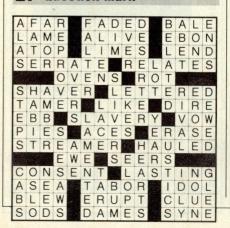
58 Eyeball Benders

- Bluejay's wing feathers 5. Stove burner
- Mousetrap
- 6. Pancakes
- 3. Pinwheels
- Dustpans
- 4 Coffee muas
- 8. Blackberries

40 Rope Trick

Not one.

27 Question Mark



24 Elastic Aptitude Test

Political Science

Ronald Wilson Reagan

Ronald Reagan

- Ronald Reagan
- Ronald Reagan 5. Broderick Crawford

History

All the questions are answered by other questions in this self-referential quiz.

Music

- The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain."
- "On a clear day you can see forever."
- "The bear went over the mountain . . . to see what he could see.
- "God didn't make little green apples."
- 'It's only a paper moon."
- 'Pop goes the weasel.'
- 'Don't rain on my parade."
- 'It's a most unusual day.
- 'Everything's coming up roses."
- "It's impossible."

Sex Education

If you circled Alice Cooper, Rosey Grier, Fran Tarkenton, Leslie Howard, Carol Reed, or Jamie Farr, you probably believe that storks bring babies, too.

Literature

- . blank 2. blank
- 3 blank
 - 5 blank
- 4. blank

Math

- All the choices are correct:
 - (a) 3 + 6 = 9; 4 + 6 = 10(b) $3 \times 3 + 9$; $4 \times 3 = 12$
 - (c) $3^2 = 9$; $4^2 = 16$
- The probability is a certainty. Two objects of any kind form a pair.
- All are divisible by 3, yielding the respective quotients 11 1/3; 9 2/3; 18 1/3; 34; and 2 1/3
- The next three terms are 8, 9, 10. The series consists of positive integers whose names contain the letter E. (Give yourself full credit if you said "9, 11, 13" to continue the series of odd numbers.)

Science

- (a) Celery is the only word that does not have a doubled letter.
- (e) Piranha does not make a new word when its last letter is removed.
- (b) Chrysanthemum does not have a homophone (a word that's spelled differently but pronounced the same).
- (c) Flea does not form a word when read backward.
- (c) Princess telephone cannot be used as a verb.

Latin

1. (f) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (g) 5. (c) 6. (e) 7. (b)

Geography

- The letter I is the "capital" of Italy.
- The Poles are at the extreme north and south of the planet.
- It's shorter by two letters.
- The top of the letter A is Asia's highest point.
- It does, when roasted for Thanksgiving dinner.
- Oslo is in Czechoslovakia.
- No, man is an island.

English

- the correct answers
 "Is" is "is not," and "is not" is "is," so "is" is not "is," and "is not" is not "is not," is it?
- There are no mistakes following the colon. Since the sentence beginning "Find the one mistake" is therefore wrong, that's where the one mistake is. However, since there is one mistake, the sentence is not mistaken, so there are no mistakes. But .
- 4. No.

Essay Question

Footnote

By now you may have figured out that the name of the test's author, Lola F. Spiro, is not on the up and up. What is it an anagram of?

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50 Call Our Bluff: Movies

The fake movies are Capablanca, I Was a Teenage Communist, and The Nylon Jungle.

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Little Covered Wagons and For God and Country (the latter photo from the movie Desperate Journey), from the Museum of Modern Art/Film Still Archives.

The photo used for the fake Capablanca came from the film I, Jane Doe, Culver Pictures; I Was a Teenage Communist (photo from Red Planet Mars) and The Nylon Jungle (photo from Ben), the Museum of Modern Art/Film Still Archives.



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- ★ For Better or Verse (January, page 24). We presented seven puzzle poems and asked readers to identify the type of wordplay represented in each. In the poem "Winter Reigns," the last letter of each word was the same as the first letter of the following word. Karen Grottalio, of Bayside, NY. noted that we failed to mention that the last letter of the last word in the poem (the "m" in stream) is also the first letter of the poet's name-Mary Hazard. And that's not all. Mary Hazard wrote to tell us that when the poem was first published, it appeared under her maiden name, Mary Youngquist.
- ★ Views From the Top (December, page 36). We presented six bird's-eye-view doodles and invited readers to send us their own whimsical interpretations. Here are our favorites:



Seventeen ants using lariats

-Randy Spangler, Pleasanton, CA



Two paper reinforcements realizing they're not up -Michael P. Ostrowski, to the job Chicago, IL

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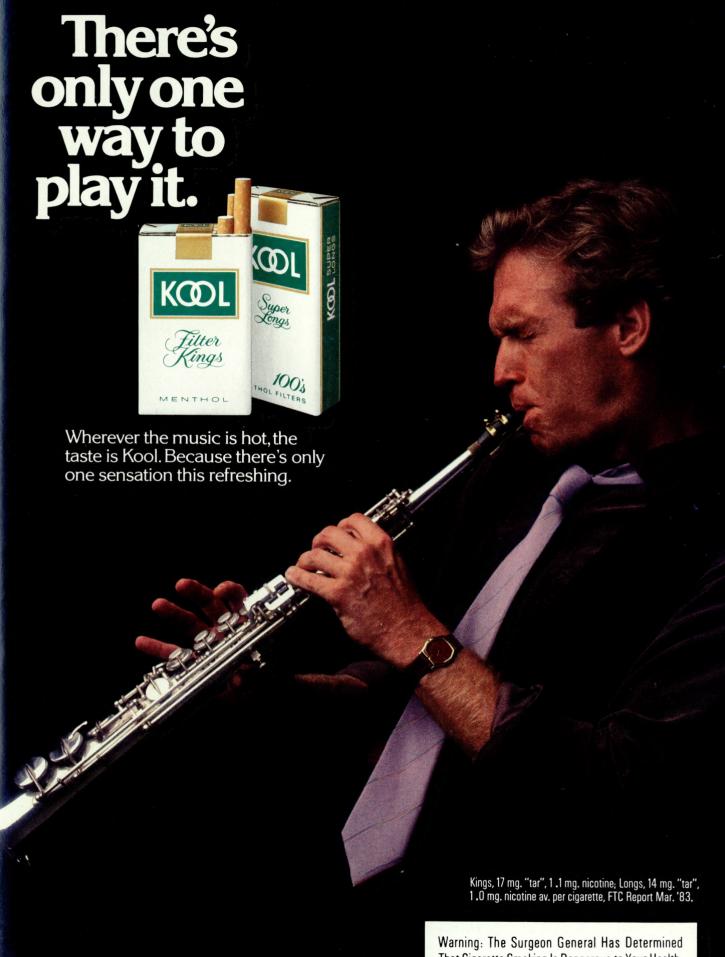
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